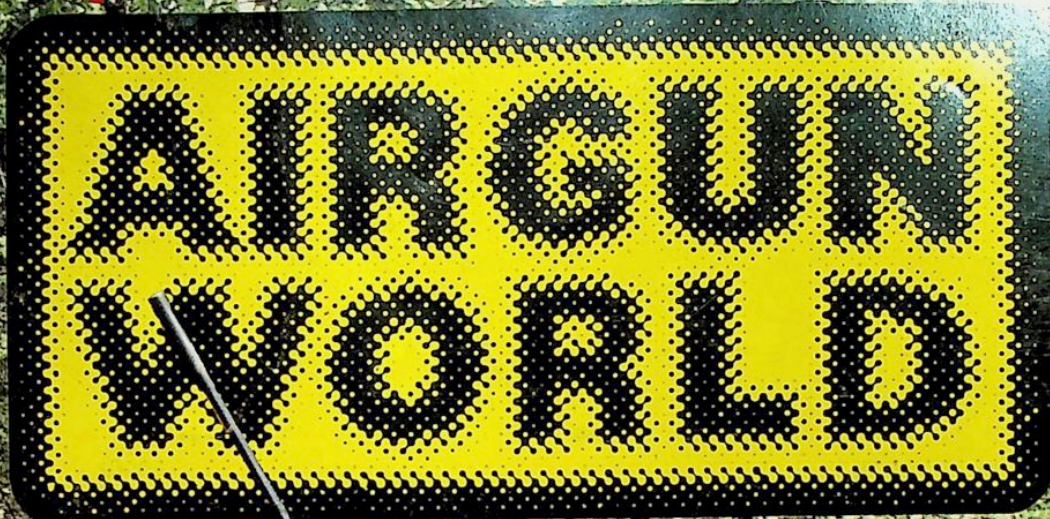


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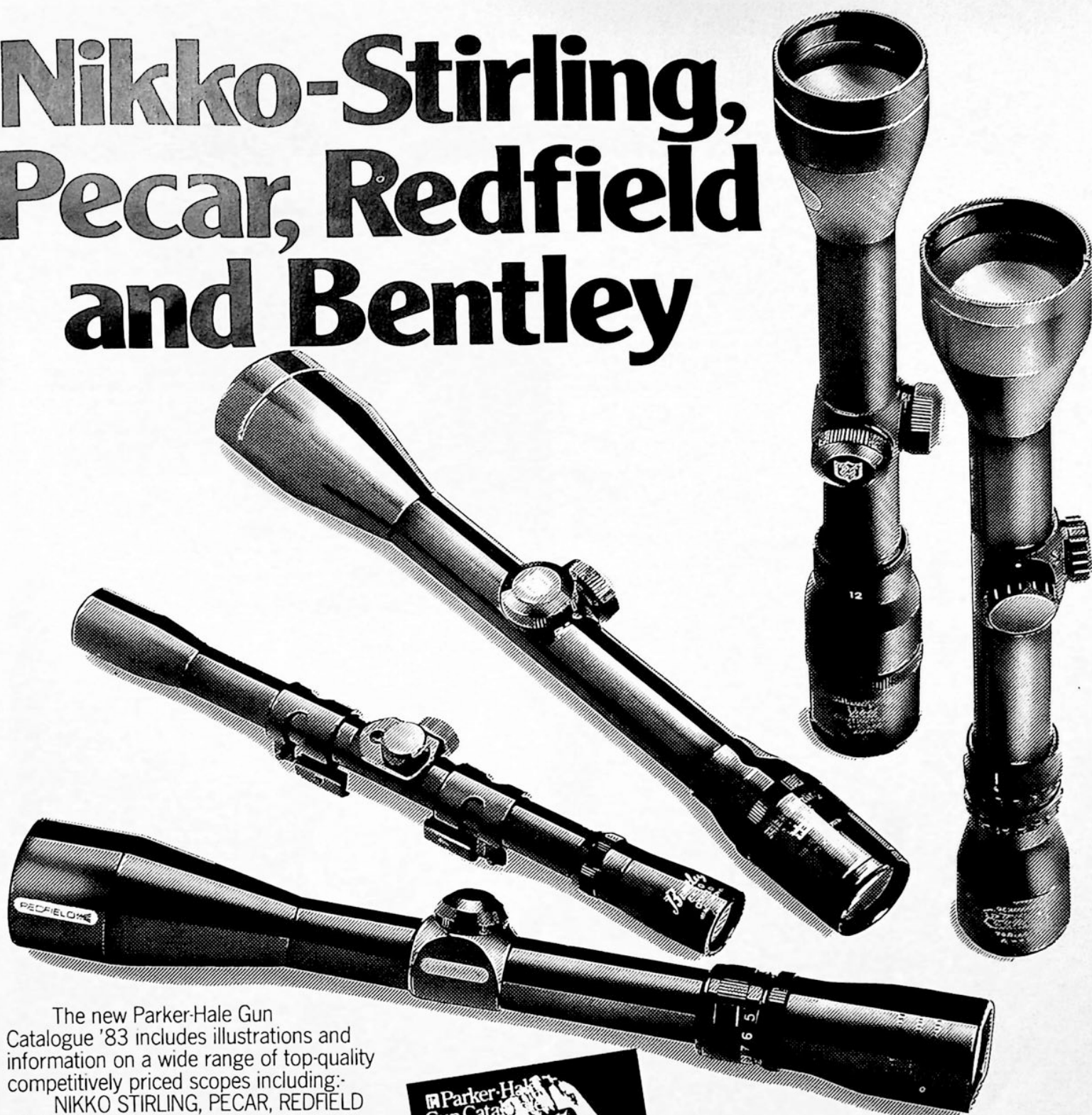


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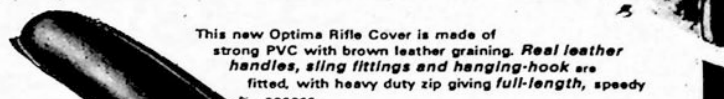
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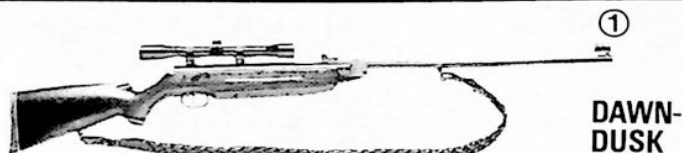
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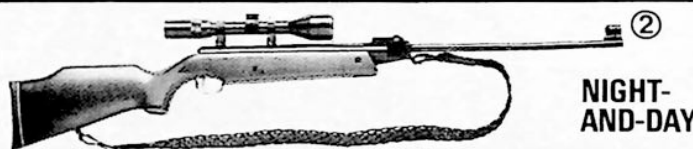
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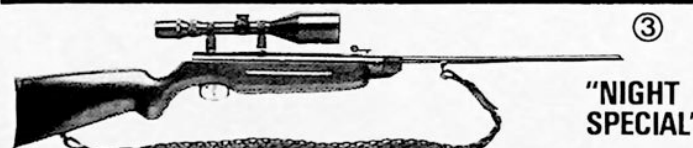
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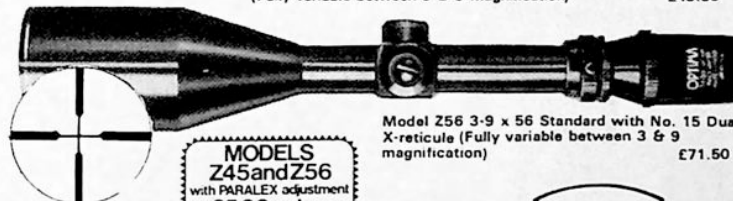
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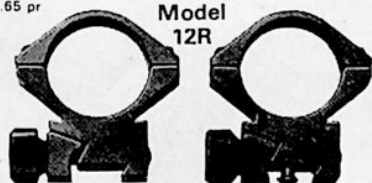
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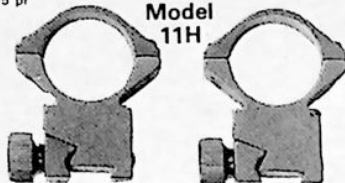
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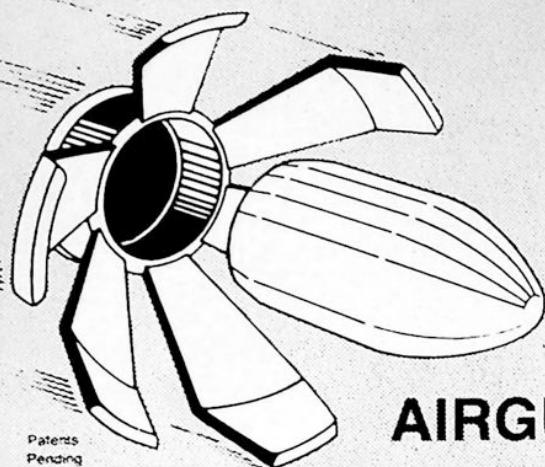
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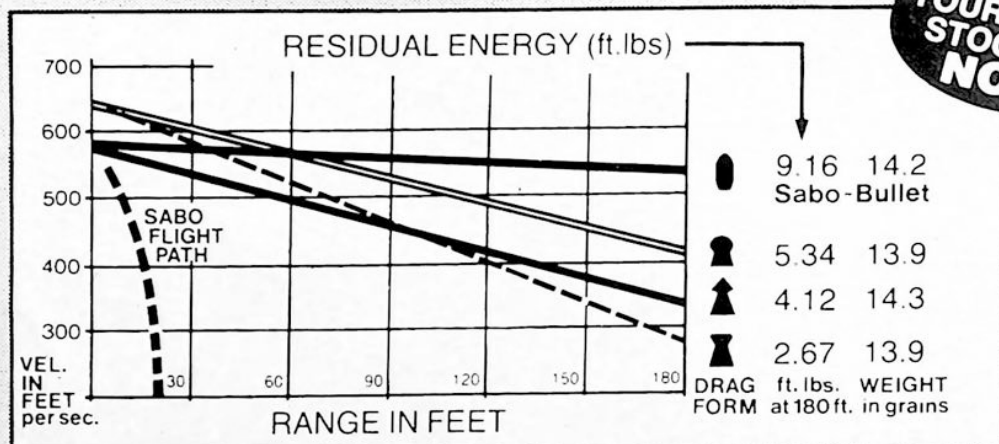
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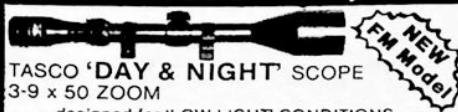


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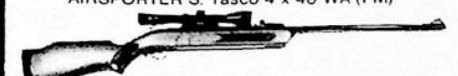
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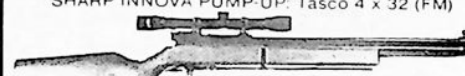
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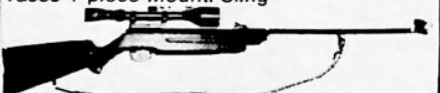
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| WEIHRACH EXPORT         | TASCO FM 4 x 32 Scope                      |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 1.75-5 x 40 Zoom Scope            |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 4 x 32 Scope                      |
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| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII  | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII  | TASCO FM 4 x 32 Scope                      |
| ORIGINAL MOD. 50        | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| ORIGINAL MOD. 50        | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |
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| WEBLEY VISCOUNT         | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
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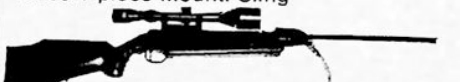


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## SUPER OUTFITS: fitted with the 'TASCO' FM range of Scopes. (Credit facilities available over 12 months. Written quotations on request. (ALL FITTED WITH A TASCO '1 PIECE MOUNT'). NOW AVAILABLE WITH THE TASCO 'DAY & NIGHT' ZOOM SCOPE 3-9 x 50 FM (designed for low light conditions).

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| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 1.75-5 x 40 Zoom Scope            |
| WEIHRACH 80             | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII  | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII  | TASCO FM 1.75-5 x 40 Zoom Scope            |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII  | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |
| WEBLEY VISCOUNT de-luxe | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| WEBLEY VISCOUNT         | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| WEBLEY TRACKER          | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| WEBLEY VULCAN de-luxe   | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| STERLING HR83 de-luxe   | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
| STERLING HR81           | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day & Night' Zoom Scope |
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| ORIGINAL MOD 45         | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope           |

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| TASCO '1 PIECE MOUNT |       | £195 | or | £20 | deposit | £3.97/week |
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| TASCO '1 PIECE MOUNT |       | £174 | or | £18 | deposit | £3.54/week |
| TASCO '1 PIECE MOUNT |       | £221 | or | £23 | deposit | £4.48/week |
| TASCO '1 PIECE MOUNT |       | £178 | or | £18 | deposit | £3.63/week |
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## ENSIGN RIFLES & COMBINATION OUTFITS: (all guns include 10 cartridges and a charging unit)

Credit facilities available over 12 months. Written quotations on request.

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|------|----|-----|---------|------------|
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| ENSIGN ELITE  | TASCO FM 1 75-5 x 40 Zoom Scope              | TASCO MOUNTS | £244 | or | £25 | deposit | £4.96/week |
| ENSIGN ELITE  | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope             | TASCO MOUNTS | £231 | or | £24 | deposit | £4.69/week |
| ENSIGN ELITE  | TASCO FM 4 x 32 Scope                        | TASCO MOUNTS | £221 | or | £23 | deposit | £4.49/week |
| ENSIGN ROYALE | TASCO FM 3-9 x 50 'Day and Night' Zoom Scope | TASCO MOUNTS | £212 | or | £22 | deposit | £4.31/week |
| ENSIGN ROYALE | TASCO FM 4 x 40 Wide Angle Scope             | TASCO MOUNTS | £249 | or | £25 | deposit | £5.08/week |
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## AIR-RIFLE OUTFITS

fitted with ASI Scopes

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Statical Recoilless: ASI 4 x 40 WA: ASI Mounts



£111 or £12 deposit £2.24/week

## COMPLETE OUTFITS: fitted with the 'ASI' range of SCOPES

(Credit facilities available over 12 months. Written quotations available on request.)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------|----|-----|---------|------------|
| WEIHRACH EXPORT           | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £166 | or | £17 | deposit | £3.38/week |
| WEIHRACH EXPORT           | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £152 | or | £16 | deposit | £3.08/week |
| WEIHRACH EXPORT           | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £143 | or | £15 | deposit | £2.90/week |
| WEIHRACH 80               | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £151 | or | £16 | deposit | £3.06/week |
| WEIHRACH 80               | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £137 | or | £14 | deposit | £2.79/week |
| WEIHRACH 80               | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £128 | or | £13 | deposit | £2.60/week |
| WEIHRACH STD              | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £110 | or | £11 | deposit | £2.24/week |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII    | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £186 | or | £19 | deposit | £3.78/week |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII    | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £172 | or | £18 | deposit | £3.49/week |
| FEINWERKBAU SPORT MKII    | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS | Sling      | £163 | or | £17 | deposit | £3.31/week |
| ASI STATICAL RECOILLESS   | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £125 | or | £13 | deposit | £2.54/week |
| ASI STATICAL RECOILLESS   | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £111 | or | £12 | deposit | £2.24/week |
| ORIGINAL MOD 50           | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £185 | or | £19 | deposit | £3.78/week |
| ORIGINAL MOD 50           | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £171 | or | £18 | deposit | £3.47/week |
| ORIGINAL MOD 45           | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £128 | or | £13 | deposit | £2.60/week |
| ORIGINAL MOD 45           | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £119 | or | £12 | deposit | £2.42/week |
| BSA AIRSPORTER S          | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £162 | or | £17 | deposit | £3.29/week |
| BSA AIRSPORTER S          | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £148 | or | £15 | deposit | £3.01/week |
| BSA AIRSPORTER S          | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £139 | or | £14 | deposit | £2.83/week |
| BSA MERCURY S             | ASI 4 x 40 Wide Angle | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £122 | or | £13 | deposit | £2.47/week |
| BSA MERCURY S             | ASI 4 x 32            | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £113 | or | £12 | deposit | £2.29/week |
| WEBLEY TRACKER            | ASI 3-9 x 40 Zoom     | SCOPE MOUNTS |            | £140 | or | £14 | deposit | £2.85/week |
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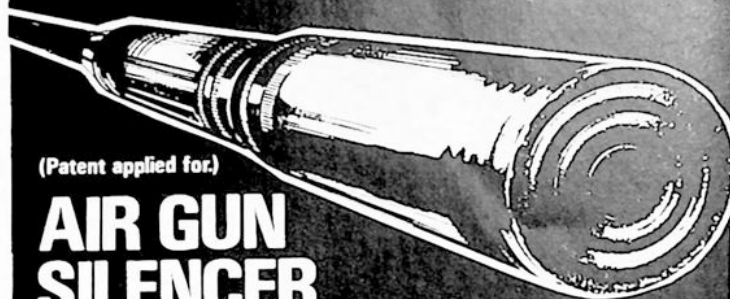
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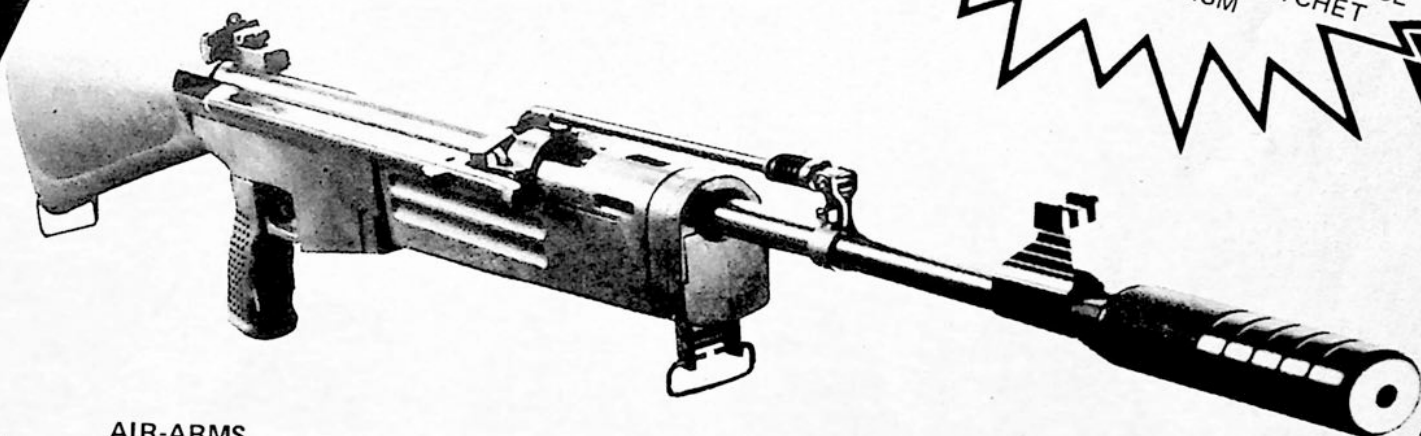
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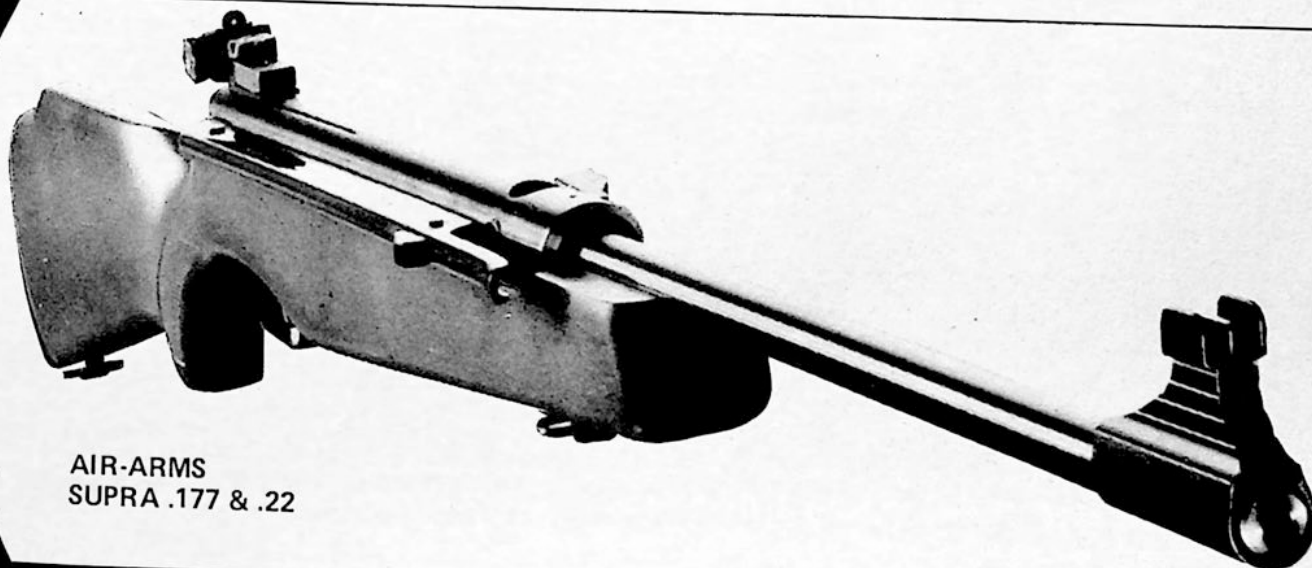
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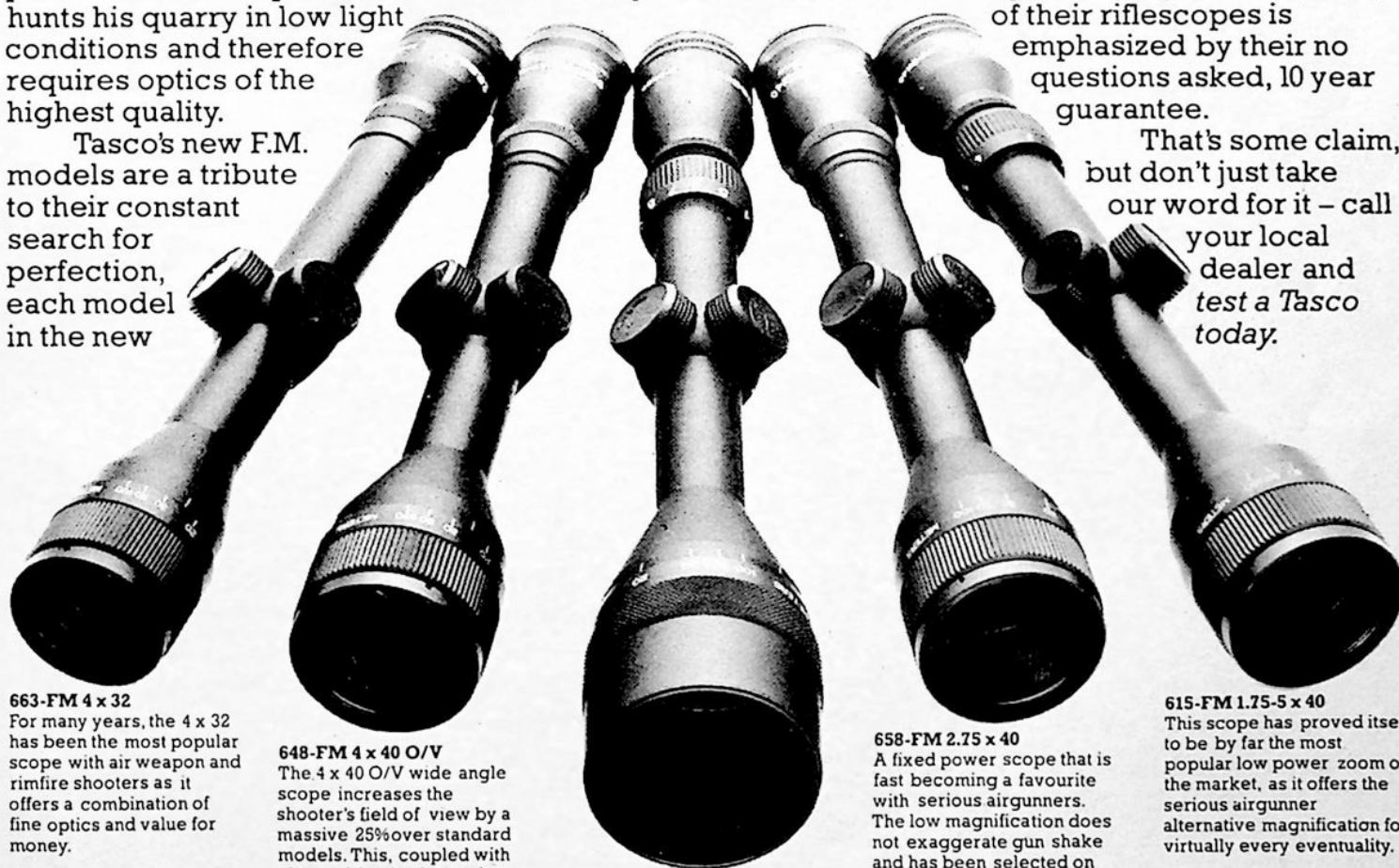
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THE OTHER DAY I was talking to John Stevens, who answers your questions each month, when he gave me a pleasant surprise by saying that *Airgun World* must be reaching a lot of new readers.

When I asked why, he explained that he often received letters asking exactly the same question that he had answered in the magazine only a few months ago.

Perhaps he is right and hundreds of new airgunners are starting to buy *Airgun World* — or perhaps some of you just don't read his column very carefully! That's certainly another possibility, I suppose — though I wasn't going to suggest it to John!

One question that arises time and again is this: 'Which is the best air rifle for hunting?' John has used up quite a few typewriter ribbons replying to that question over the years — and the pity of it is that he can never give a perfect answer.

Many rifles have their loyal supporters — and even *Airgun World* writers agree to differ on the subject.

Some have splashed out on a Theoben Sirocco, others favour the BSA Airsporter 'S', the Webley Vulcan or the Sterling HR83, and yet more prefer the well-known German models — the Weihrauch HW80, Original 45, Feinwerkbau Sport and so on. A few prefer pneumatics — and nearly all of them are keen to test the new Ensign Elite.

What is the best advice that we can give, then? Well, it's true to say that there isn't a great deal to choose between many of today's top field shooting rifles, particularly with a scope fitted.

Most of them are well up to the legal power limit of 12 ft. lbs. — and most can shoot a good tight group at 30 yards if the man behind the trigger knows what he's doing.

Some guns cost more than others, of course, and it's still pretty true that the more you pay the better quality rifle you'll take home. It might have a marginally better trigger, a more handsome stock, or whatever.

The best answer is to visit your local gunshop and ask if you can handle a variety of models. See which one fits you best, feels most comfortable and genuinely suits you — and that will almost certainly be the gun to buy.

Most gun dealers are keen to please a potential customer — and if your local gunsmith seems unsure, just tell him you read *Airgun World* so that he knows you're serious about handling his expensive array of rifles.

A rifle that feels right for someone who is 6 ft. 4 will assuredly be wrong for someone of 5 ft. 2. Even if you send John Stevens your vital statistics, he can only give you a personal view and an honest opinion — so take my advice and visit your gunshop for the very best answer of all.

*Paul Dobson*

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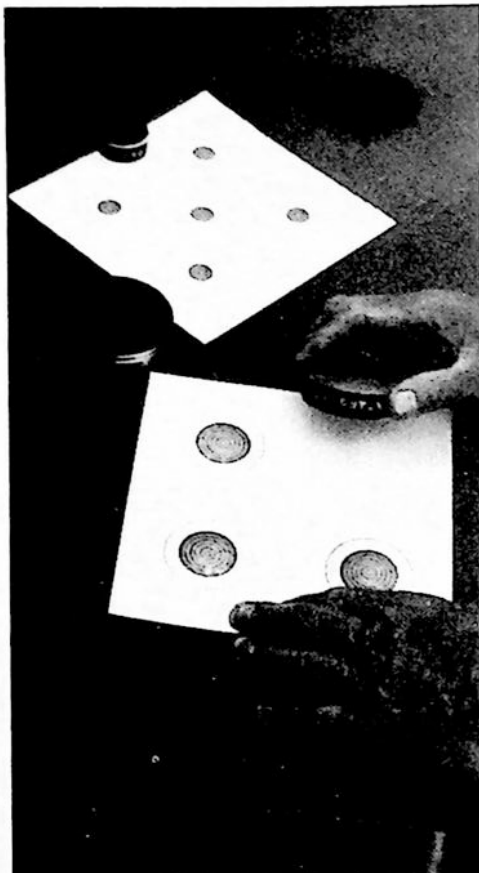
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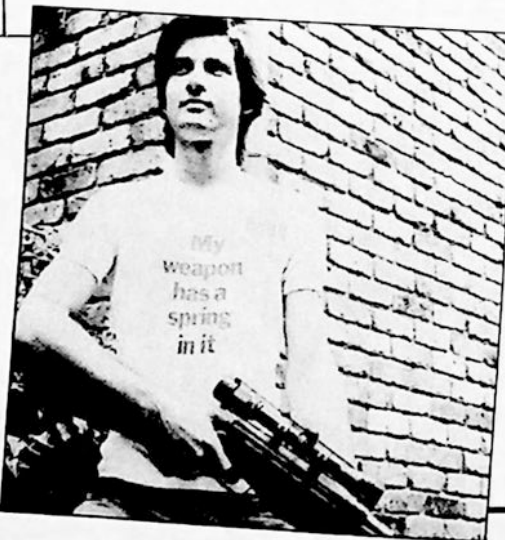
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*Airgun World* is to sponsor the airgunning at the British Field Sports Society's country sports fair at the Royal Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on August 27-29.

Last year's festival attracted 143,000 visitors, and there will be plenty of events besides the airgun range — including falconry and hound displays, terrier shows, clay pigeon shooting and fly casting events.

A visit to the fair makes an excellent day out — and admission is just £2.80 for adults and £1.20 for children, with car parking free. Ring Coventry 29415 for full details.

## Webley Winners

More than 1,000 readers entered the terrific Webley competition in our July issue — and many of you correctly identified the six Webley & Scott rifles photographed.

With no tie-breaker line, the winners' names were drawn from a hat and first prize went to Mr. H. C. Shaw from Liverpool. He wins a .22 calibre Webley Vulcan De Luxe, complete with Tasco 615FM scope and mount, worth almost £200.

Second prize of a great Beeman C1 rifle, again in .22 calibre and fitted with an SS1 short scope, goes to Mr. K. Catto of Woodbridge in Suffolk. That super combination is worth £113.

Teenager Craig Forster from Birling in Kent collects this month's third prize — a splendid Webley Vulcan .22 air rifle worth £80. Craig's father will be pleased he countersigned his young son's entry form!

The correct answers were: 1. Beeman C1, 2. Tracker, 3. Vulcan De Luxe, 4. Victor, 5. Viscount, 6. Vulcan.

The complete list of prize-winners is as follows:

Vulcan De Luxe/Tasco scope: H. Shaw, Liverpool. Beeman C1/SS1 scope: K. Catto, Suffolk. Vulcan: Craig Forster, Kent. 10 Webley cloth badges: Graham Child, Milton Keynes; Paul Radford, Swansea; Simon Berman, Sandbach; Charles Anuzis, Mansfield; I. Sherfield, Sittingbourne; M. Windridge, Derby; A. Doherty, Chelmsford; C. Hammond, Basildon; C. Gillard, Walsall; and D. Smith, Walsall.

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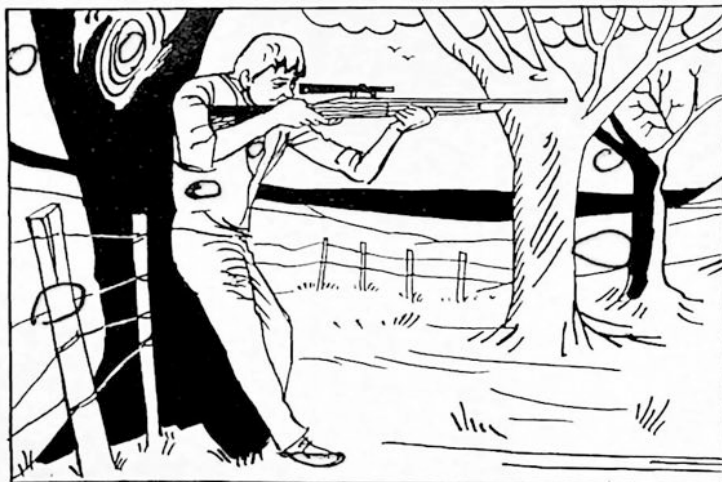
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## HOW TO ENTER

All you have to do to win one of these great prizes is to study the two drawings on this page and spot the eight differences between them. Using a pen or biro, ring the items in the right-hand drawing that are missing in the one on the left. Then, in 12 words or less, say why you would like to own an Air Arms Rapide rifle.

Send your entry, together with a cheque or postal order for 60p, to **Air Arms Competition, Airgun World, 10 Sheet Street, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1BG.**

The closing date for entries is **Monday September 19**, and the correct solution and prize-winners' names will be published in our November issue.



*Dave Pope  
working on  
the trigger.*



# Country

I HAVE a very brightly patterned sweater with alternate bands of coloured designs on a brown background that I often wear to stalk rabbits.

You might think that bright colours would be the last thing you'd choose for such a surreptitious activity as stalking rabbits. After all, the whole idea is to remain hidden while you creep stealthily through the undergrowth or along the hedgerows.

In fact, the coloured bands break up my outline most effectively, though, because rabbits have very poor colour vision. They tend to see the world in various shades of grey — rather like the photos which accompany these articles — so my sweater is an excellent form of camouflage.

It would be useless for pigeon shooting, mind you, because pigeons have good

colour vision — so I never wear it when I'm after woodies.

The whole point of camouflage is to exploit the natural surroundings and use what artificial aids you can in order to hide from your quarry. It's particularly important for airgunners because you need to get quite close to your prey before taking a shot — and you're unlikely to do that unless you know how to camouflage yourself effectively.

Funnily enough, simple materials often make the best camouflage. I've often shot pigeon from behind a hessian sack tied between two bamboo canes, for instance — or even by hiding in standing corn overlooking an adjoining field where the pigeons are feeding.

A good decoy layout will draw the birds within range, and they're usually so busy looking for a suitable landing place that they don't notice my shadowy figure in the cornfield.

Sometimes when you see a photograph of a shooter doing this — especially if it has been taken from behind or from the side — you might think that a pigeon or a rook couldn't fail to spot him. Yet I can assure you that they don't!

I used a photograph like this in a recent book about pigeon shooting — and I was rather surprised when a well-known shooting writer said that no self-respecting pigeon would come within a mile of the chap in the photo.

He was absolutely wrong — because I shot four pigeons with my air rifle, and missed just as many, on the first afternoon that I was there. I was sitting in a field of barley on an empty five-litre paint tin — and later I bagged another 46 birds with my shotgun from the same position.

I can only conclude that I know what I'm talking about — or else that my local pigeons have no self-respect!

Photographs can teach you plenty about camouflage and the art of concealment, in fact. How often have you seen a snapshot of a lady in a flowered dress posing in a garden, for instance, or someone in green or brown clothes pictured against a dark tree or shrub?

Trees, houses and telegraph poles often seem to be sprouting out of the person's head — and their outline merges with the background. It's perfect for someone who's rather overweight — and a good example of the principles of camouflage.

Taking photographs to illustrate these articles poses the problem in reverse, of course. If I took a picture giving the view that my quarry sees, you'd find it difficult to spot the shooter at all!

One way to learn about the art of concealment, in fact, is to read a book on how to pose subjects for photography — and then to disobey every rule in the book.

Don't use the sky as a background, for instance. Don't have violent colour contrasts between the subject and the background. Don't stand in full light against a dark background — and so on and so on.

Effective camouflage means more than wearing the right clothes and using a hide, however. Movement and scent are important factors, too.



*Keep to the shadows and the edges of the fields.*

# Gun

## Camouflage in the countryside — with Arthur Shepherd

*Avoid the skyline  
— or you'll alert  
your quarry.*



Moving quickly is probably the biggest giveaway of all — especially if you pass across your quarry's line of vision.

If a rabbit runs out of cover, you can sometimes get within range by walking very slowly and deliberately straight towards it. Flinging up your gun to shoot, on the other hand, will make even the best camouflage kit count for nothing — particularly if you're not wearing dark gloves.

The ability to keep still is an important part of successful airgun hunting, especially when you're setting up an ambush. I've often sat in my hide while small animals such as weasels have run over my feet and birds have perched in the hide netting just inches from my face.

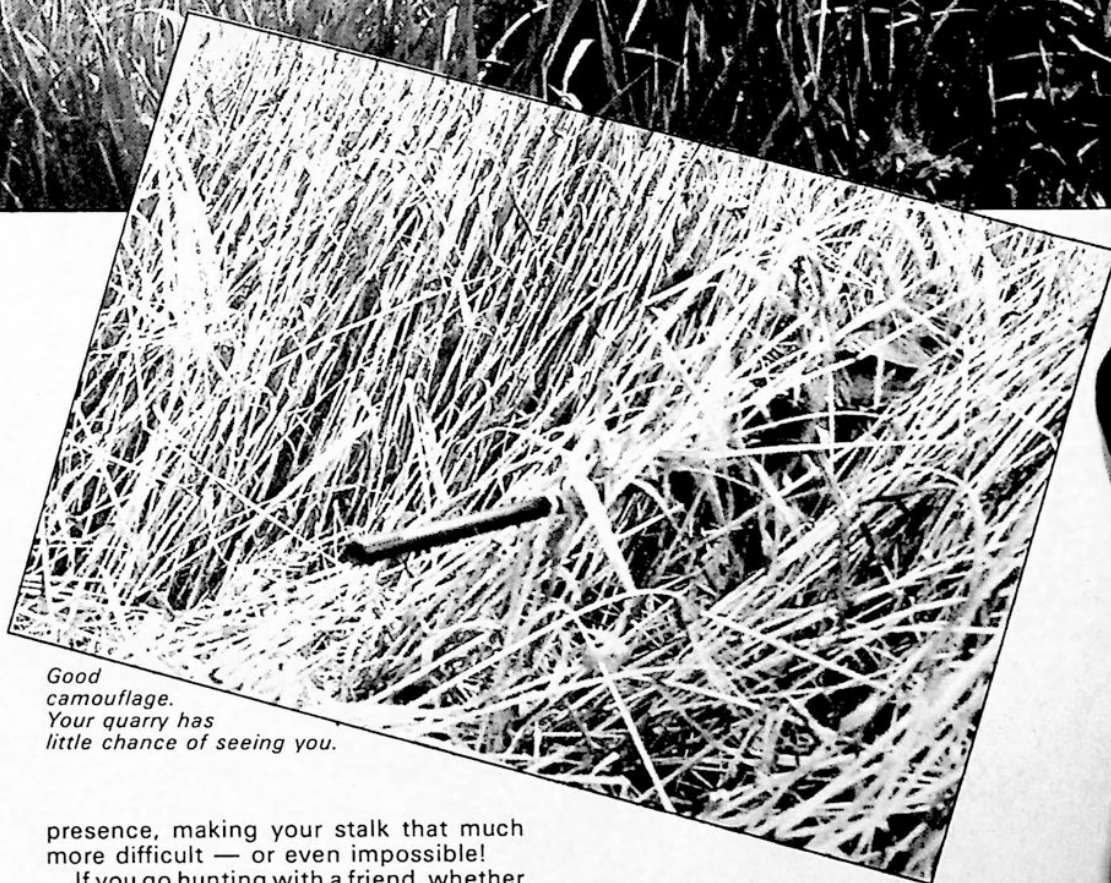
Ground mammals like rabbits have extremely good noses to sniff out danger, though — and they use them for all they're worth. It's no good stalking a rabbit if the wind is blowing from behind you, for instance, because the bunnies will have fled long before you get within shooting range.

Remember that it isn't only the human body that smells either. Gun oil has a strong smell, and so do some stock finishes.

I once 'sniffed out' another airgunner by the smell of the furniture polish that he'd sprayed on his stock to improve the wax finish — and my sense of smell must be absolutely pitiful compared to a rabbit's.

Strong tobacco and stale after-shave don't help either — and, come to think of it, they're not much of an advantage anywhere! Cow muck on your boots can be a positive benefit, on the other hand.

Noise will disturb your quarry, too, and not only during the final stages of a stalk. Slamming the car door or knocking a fence wire as you clamber over an obstacle will both alert your quarry to your



*Good  
camouflage.  
Your quarry has  
little chance of seeing you.*

presence, making your stalk that much more difficult — or even impossible!

If you go hunting with a friend, whether he's a dog or a human, you'll do much better if you learn to communicate by hand signals or, failing this, by a series of whistles. Talking is fatal.

Moving about in the countryside without disturbing the wildlife is extremely difficult, even if you're an experienced countryman. Anyone on the move causes a 'bow wave' of alarm that spreads out a long way ahead of him like wildfire.

A woodpigeon clattering out of a tree at the far end of a field as you come through the gate will warn the rabbits at the end of the next field that something is on the move. Rooks noisily lifting over a wood and the 'chink chink' of blackbirds will also tell the other animals how you're progressing.

One camouflage tactic that is sometimes worthwhile is what I call 'diversion'.

All you do is distract your quarry's attention while you make your approach or while you take a shot from cover.

Some people even use stuffed cats or stuffed ferrets for this purpose, but plastic owls are a more common method of distracting your quarry. Set up in the right place, they soon attract a rabble of vermin species such as jays, magpies, rooks and crows.

I've even used my spaniel as a distraction — though not stuffed, of course! I make him sit by a large tree in a wood while I hide about 20 yards away in good cover.

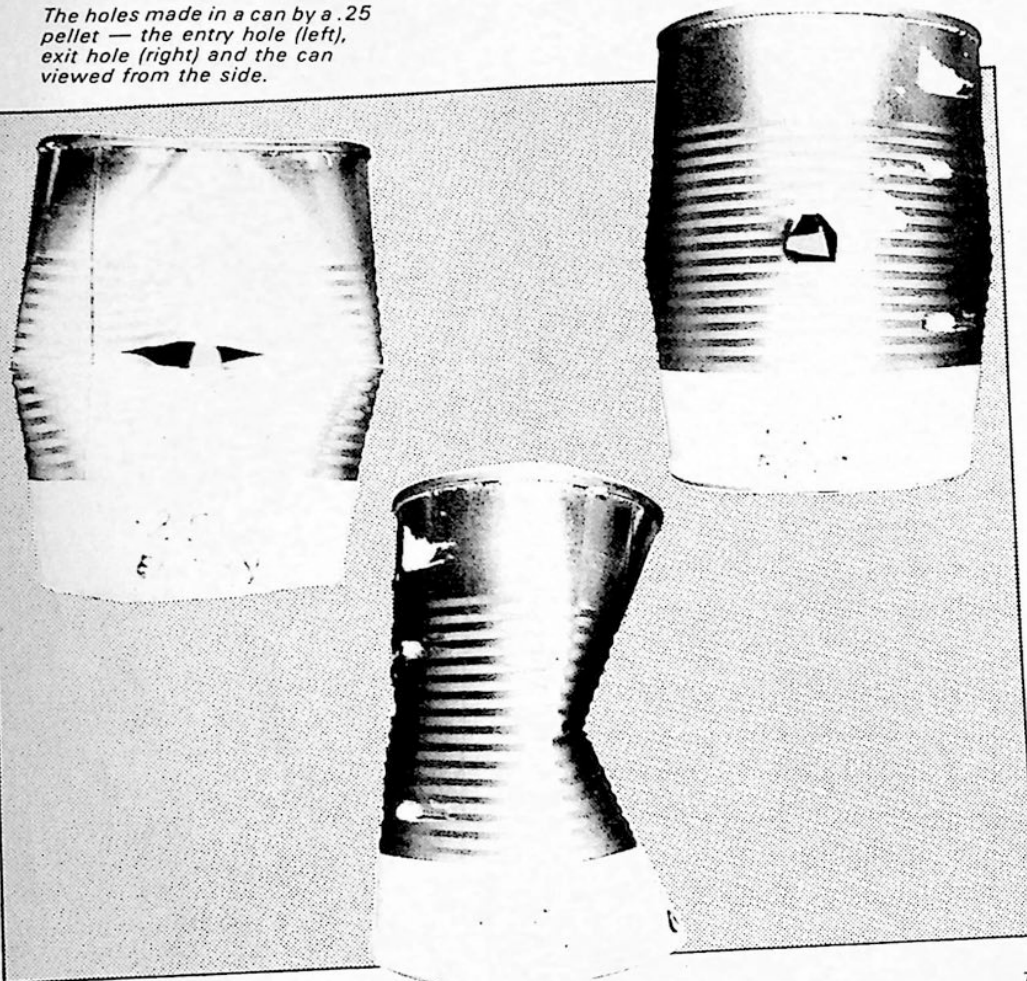
His presence soon attracts a few jays or squirrels who sit in the tree making agitated noises — quite unaware that I'm there too, preparing to take a shot!



# AIRGUN

# AMMO

*The holes made in a can by a .25 pellet — the entry hole (left), exit hole (right) and the can viewed from the side.*



A ROBOT would be the perfect marksman — a flawlessly made mechanical device using perfect ammunition.

But is there such a thing as perfect ammunition — never mind the robot? Today's top quality match ammunition is nearly perfect, but it isn't ideal for hunting except at medium or short range because its flat, wadcutter head makes it lose velocity very rapidly.

No other ammunition style is more accurate, however, because the swage cut through the atmosphere by the flat head keeps the pellet on a truer course than is possible with other designs.

Every other pellet design is a compromise, and some fare better than others from trying to conform to different requirements. As a hunting pellet the Sabo is probably the best design yet. It has to have a separate carrier to push it up the barrel, of course, but if it suits your gun, and you don't mind the fiddling, it takes some beating.

All other pellets have some sort of waisted shape, except for the hand-moulded L.E.M. Spitzer. This makes them easy to manufacture and gives good aerodynamic qualities.

When properly lubricated, today's air rifles can be remarkably consistent. If you have practised enough and your sighting system is good, you should, in theory, be pretty close to the standard of our imaginary robot — even equal to it.

But erratic ammunition can let down even the best man and machine, and it is my firm belief that more misses are caused by this than is generally realised.

*Today's airgun hunters demand the best ammo.*



## Fred Grimwade examines today's hunting pellets

Airgun ammo for hunting just isn't good enough!

There are many shapes available from the various manufacturers, and most of them claim to be better than the rest. 'Suck it and see' is one way to find out — literally buying every one and trying them out on live quarry.

The drawback with that is that it could take years to reach a conclusion — and, anyway, you could argue about different ranges and types of quarry forever and a day.

We're lucky, though, in that we have the benefit of various formulae drawn up by ballistic experts over the years — although some people do forget that rules which apply to firearms developing several hundred ft. lbs. muzzle energy probably won't work so well with airguns.

Humans have become pretty expert at killing things, including each other, and there are two basic ways of doing it with a projectile — either by shock or by penetration. Most projectiles actually do a bit of each, of course, although they'll be biased one way or the other. They'll produce both shock and bleeding, however.

Killing, as opposed to maiming, any living creature is not as easy as it might seem, however. It is a fact, for example, that one of the notorious Dalton Gang in the 'Wild West' had 11 bullets in him after an ambush by a posse and yet felt well enough to wave at the girls on his way to the doctor! He died much later, of old age.

Less fortunate people have died instantly after being hit in a vital spot by a ricochet, however — and this is the crux of the matter. The quarry we hunt with airguns is relatively tough — rabbits, pigeons, rats and squirrels are hardy animals — and a clean kill is only possible if we hit a vital area.

We cannot rely on shock alone to kill, therefore, but must have some penetration, too. Our pellet must be designed to deliver a good measure of both.

Many shooters will simply fire at a tin can at close range, inspect the lovely gaping holes and presume that they have

all the evidence they need that their pellet/rifle combination will quickly despatch anything they shoot at any range.

There is no excuse for such ignorance — which may result in the wounding of a creature that has no way of fighting back. People prepared to risk such a thing should not have guns.

As evidence of the folly of tin can tests I selected three of them and fired at them from 30 feet, using standard dome-headed pellets. I used three different rifles and three different calibres — .25, .22 and .177 — but all the combinations gave a muzzle energy of about 11 ft. lbs.

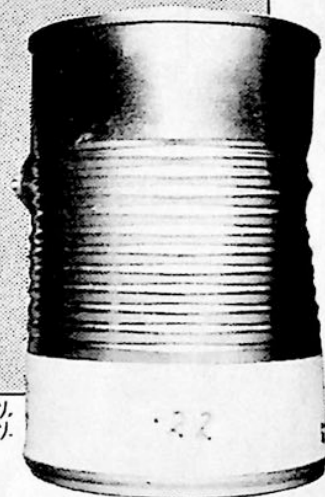
The .25 pellet produced gaping entry and exit holes and transmitted a great deal of energy to the can — as is obvious from the distortion when viewed from the side. By energy in this case I mean the same as 'shock'.

The .22 pellet punched a large entry hole, but its exit hole is far smaller than that of the .25, even after allowing for the sheer size of the pellet. The distortion of the can wall shows that the pellet has imparted some shock — though not as much as the .25.

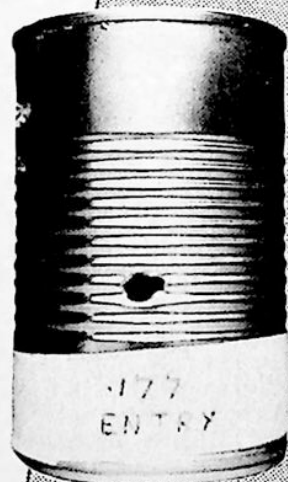
The .177 pellet has left neat entry and exit holes, but has transmitted virtually no energy to the can — which actually remained perfectly stationary as the pellet passed through it.

These tests show, quite conclusively, that we should all own .25 air rifles. The evidence of the largest calibre's massive killing power with standard pellets is clear for all to see.

Well, that's fine if you do all your shooting at 10 yards. Next month I'll show you what happens at 30 yards.



The results of the .22 tests — the entry hole (left), exit hole (centre) and side-on view of the can (right).



The .177 test results — the entry hole (left), exit hole (centre) and side-on view (right).



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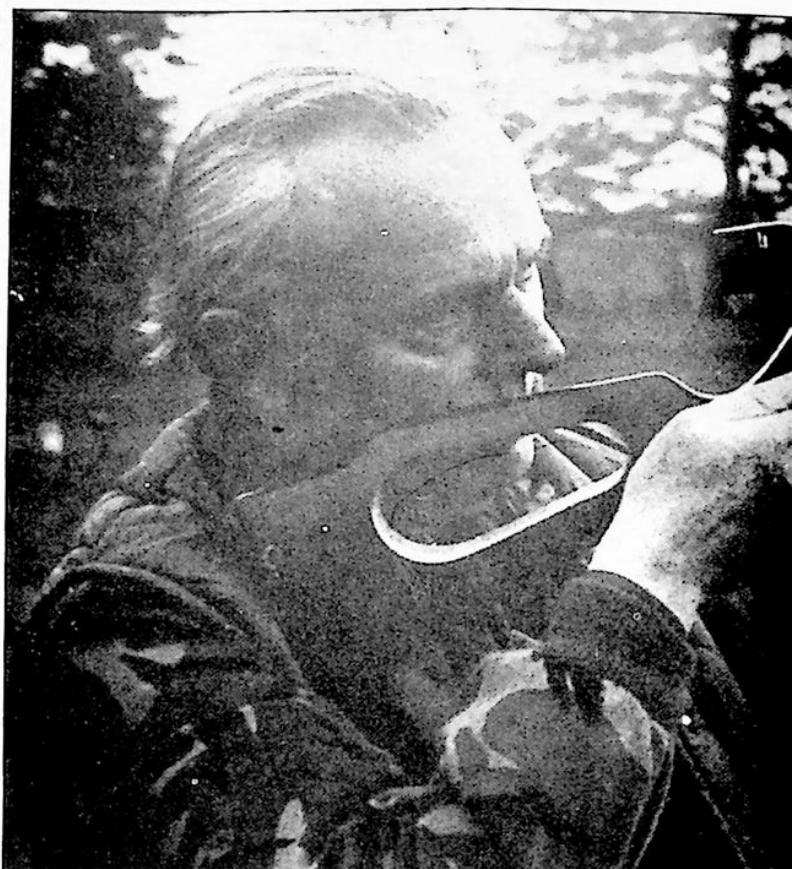
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## Mark Hollands meets a D-I-Y field shooter



TOP NOTCH shooter Peter Littley has been getting some funny looks at outdoor target competitions over the last few weeks. The second glances aren't aimed at him, though - everyone is taking a careful look at Peter's unusual Weihrauch HW80, which he has customised himself.

Peter has hollowed a chunk out of the stock in a successful attempt to reduce the weight of his favourite rifle without spoiling its accuracy or increasing the recoil.

'People's main complaint about the Weihrauch HW80 is that it's rather heavy', he says, 'and I tend to agree with that criticism. As a result, I've tried to cut down the weight wherever possible'.

All things considered, Peter is certainly the right man to carry out such a complex conversion. Not only is he a fanatical airgunner, but he's also a pretty handy D-I-Y man. He runs a modelling shop in Wolverhampton, so he's no stranger to working with wood and metal.

'I suppose you could call me fanatical', Peter continues, 'and stripping down an airgun is absolutely no problem for me. I can almost do it with my eyes shut!'

'I've always wanted to customise a rifle and an idea suddenly struck me when I saw a collection of Rod Lynton's modified air rifles. Why not hollow out the stock? And that's exactly what I've done'.

Peter's conversion didn't stop there, though, because he has also shortened the barrel of his Weihrauch Venom 80 to 13 3/4 ins.

'It was a pretty time consuming job', he continues, 'but it was well worth while. I'm lucky, though, because I have the proper tools at my shop, and I couldn't have converted the HW80 without them'.

Peter didn't go into his task completely 'blind', because he had already tried similar experiments on two Webley Vulcans. Peter admits that he is 'an HW80 addict', so this was his really big test!

# Stock Answer



*Peter Littley in action with his unique Weihrauch HW80.*

'I hollowed out the stock with a small plane, which is suitable for balsa wood', he says. 'I worked in the direction of the grain, of course, and everything went perfectly.'

'I cheated a little bit, though, because I asked a carpenter, who is one of my regular customers, to polish off the job and give the stock a smooth finish. It has a smashing curve to it and the whole operation has come out a treat. I'm very pleased with it.'

This was only half the exercise, of course. Peter still had to shorten the barrel, which didn't prove too much of a problem, and also fit a silencer to prevent excess muzzle blast.

'I intended to use this gun for hunting', Peter goes on, 'so it was important that I fitted a silencer.'

'I chose a Galway alloy silencer with a plastic adaptor because it's the lightest model on the market. I know that many people don't like plastic adaptors, but this one is excellent.'

Still not fully content with his work, Peter reduced the fore-end of his Galway silencer by about half an inch so that you can't see the walls of the silencer when you look through the sights.

'That's an important part of the operation', continues Peter. 'It has to be done correctly, or else the weight will be badly distributed and the rifle will feel unbalanced. My rifle is absolutely perfect now. Instead of weighing 8½lbs., the Weihrauch now weighs in at 7½lbs., which is ideal for hunting, so far as I'm concerned.'

The Weihrauch's hollowed-out stock has another use, too. Out in the field it provides the ideal grip if you have to climb a fence or a farm-yard gate. 'That's a bit of a bonus', says Peter, 'because that aspect never occurred to me when I thought of the idea.'

Despite Peter's modifications, the performance of his

Weihrauch Venom 80 hasn't been affected in the slightest. 'It's just as powerful and accurate as it ever was', he says.

'I can still shoot 1¼-inch groups at 30 yards with it — which isn't bad, let's face it! I prefer the feel of this gun and it looks more impressive as well. I've put black plastic conduit on the barrel to make it look thicker, too. Some people have even mistaken it for a .22!'

Peter says that he has treated himself to a set-back trigger and the gun has been tuned to shoot up to the 12 ft. lbs. limit. 'I haven't had a chance to use it in the field or in competitions very often', says Peter, 'but I expect it will be my reserve rifle if my favourite Weihrauch HW80 packs up for any reason.'

'I'm looking forward to using it in competitions because it has a softer recoil than my other rifles and I feel very confident with it. After all, half the battle is having the confidence to shoot accurately.'

Peter certainly has good reason to feel confident because he has already made his name as one of the country's top shots — even though he only took up airgunning two and a half years ago. He is a member of the Stourvale Woodsmen club and his biggest success this summer came when he finished second in the long range competition at the Gamekeepers' Fair at Meriden in April.

'I started airgunning when I bought my son an air rifle, and it all snowballed from there', says Peter, who has always been a keen shot. When he was in the R.A.F. he missed his marksman's certificate by just one point, in fact.

'I've always been a shooting enthusiast', continues Peter, 'and an afternoon's airgunning at an outdoor competition certainly makes a relaxing change from running my modelling shop'.



# TEST BENCH

I'VE PAID little attention to Feinwerkbau and BSF air rifles in the past, so I was pleased to have the opportunity to test one of each make recently.

A.S.I., who import Feinwerkbau rifles, loaned me a Sport model in .22 calibre and Highgate Optical Company, who also import the Panorama range of scopes, loaned me a .22 calibre BSF B55.

Let's start with the BSF B55, a rifle which has been around for as long as I have — some 30 years — and has sold well throughout the world in that time. Their sales in this country have never been as good as you might have expected of a really powerful spring air rifle, though — but Highgate Optical are determined to put that right.

The B55 weighs a mere 6½ lbs. and is only 40½ inches long — and I fell for it as soon as I'd fired a few shots in my back garden!

It felt and, to some extent, shot like my beloved Webley Vulcan, which has been out of commission pending a repair to the breech latch after being damaged by an over-enthusiastic clay shooter at a NARPA range.

I decided to use the BSF for hunting until my no. 1 gun was back in trim, and I soon found that Eley Wasp pellets gave excellent accuracy. Although I didn't have a chronograph to test the velocity, I reckon that its performance was pretty close to that of my Vulcan — which never drops below 11.5 ft. lbs.

The double pull trigger was pleasant to use, with a positive stop at the end of the first pull indicating the let-off point. You can adjust the trigger for pull weight but not length by turning the screw behind the trigger blade — and the trigger guard

many rifles, but not enough to cause any problems. I certainly managed several lengthy plinking sessions without feeling the strain.

The open ramp-type rearsight isn't adjustable for windage, but I reckon this adds to the overall robustness of its design. The bead foresight has rather a large tunnel fitted as standard, but I took this off because I planned to use the gun with a scope.

The beech stock has finger grooves along the fore-end, pressed chequering on the pistol grip and a rubber recoil pad. The pistol grip was a little on the thin side for my liking, although the stock is generally very well proportioned and should suit shooters of different builds.

The rifle certainly proved itself in the field — against woodpigeon, many rabbits, two squirrels and a careless magpie! Its main assets are its robustness, light weight and power.

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The B55 is slightly harder to cock than

*The BSF B55(front) and Feinwerkbau Sport — two powerful German hunting rifles.*



## Jim Tyler reviews two German hunting rifles

The little gun certainly impressed me and, at the end of the test period, I didn't return it — I sent back a cheque instead!

The BSF was the most powerful spring air rifle around for many years, and the gun which finally toppled it from its number one spot was none other than the Feinwerkbau Sport — the other rifle I've been testing.

Unlike the BSF, the Feinwerkbau Sport has sold well in this country for ages, thanks largely to A.S.I.'s efficient distribution system.

I soon found that the Feinwerkbau didn't like Wasp pellets, which were far too tight a fit in the 5.5 mm. breech. RWS Hobby and Superpoints were a good fit, though, so I'd recommend Hobby for fur and Superpoint for feather, where the

extra penetration can be useful. If, like me, you prefer to stick to one pellet all the time, I'd choose the Superpoint.

I liked the attractive stock on the test gun, with its hand-cut chequering on the pistol grip and white line spacers on the grip cap and butt pad. The rifle is superbly balanced, too, and this has no doubt helped it to become one of the most popular sporting rifles around.

The Sport weighs a full pound more than the BSF, but it is fitted with sling swivels as standard. I reckon these are essential on a field gun which you will often have to carry for quite long distances.

The Sport's metal parts are well engineered and finished, and the general high level of presentation pushes the price over the £100 mark.

Apart from its price, I reckon that the Sport's only real drawback is its automatic safety catch. I don't think these are a good idea on spring air rifles, because you can never regard any gun as truly safe until the piston is at rest and the breech open and empty.

When you cock the gun, the piston is held back by the sear and trigger — and is under tremendous pressure from the compressed mainspring. If the sear gives way, then the gun will discharge whether or not the sear interrupting safety catch is on or off.

Sears do sometimes give way, especially on older guns. The chances of this happening on a good quality gun like the Sport are remote — but remember that there is always a chance.

It's easy enough to treat the Sport as though it had no safety catch, of course, and it doesn't seriously detract from the rifle's appeal.

I certainly enjoyed shooting this classy rifle, and its accuracy was beyond reproach. The trigger is very good, and a little grease would soon cure the slight 'twanginess' from the spring.

I was tempted to try to compare the Sport and the B55, but I found them to be two very individual guns with characteristics that will appeal to different people.

The Sport is expensive, but you can see where the money goes, while the B55 is a dependable work-horse costing around £70 and capable of doing everything the Sport can do — but without the same 'flair'.

I chose the BSF B55 myself because I like a lightweight gun which uses Wasp pellets and isn't so fancy that a few knocks and scratches will harm it. People who like a gun with a little more finesse and style will undoubtedly prefer the Sport.

If I were rich enough, I'd buy both!





# Trigger Happy!

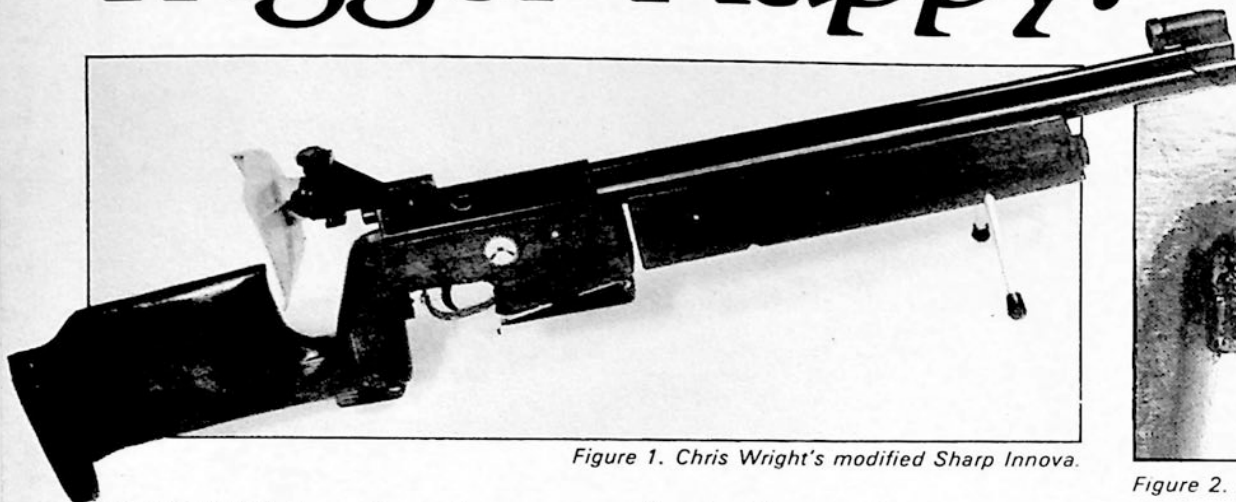


Figure 1. Chris Wright's modified Sharp Innova.

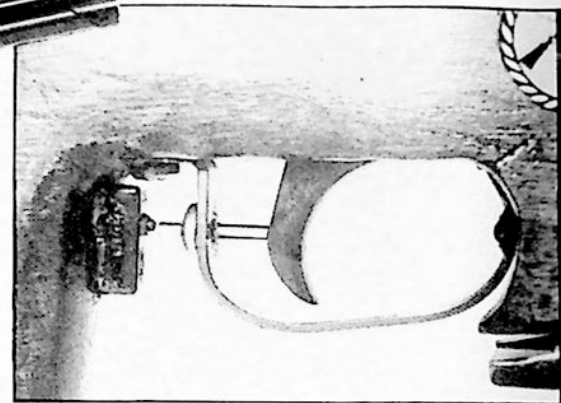


Figure 2. Note the steel rod.

THE TRIGGERS have always been my chief cause for complaint so far as air weapons are concerned. I've said it before and I'll say it again — when will the manufacturers get them right?

Complaints about triggers vary tremendously. There's the 'ever-so-stiff' variety, which requires great effort to pull — and, when the gun eventually does fire, it jerks wildly into the air.

Then there's the 'when-will-it-go?' trigger, which keeps you pulling and pulling until you think it's never going to fire. The 'don't-even-breathe' model is a favourite, too, as many a club ceiling will bear witness!

Field and target shooters require different trigger tensions, of course. It's pointless for a field shooting enthusiast to have a hair-trigger — one knock and it would go off, which is very dangerous. A target man would welcome a light trigger and scowl at anything which demanded much effort, on the other hand.

My own view is that a very, very heavy trigger is the worst thing a shooter can endure. Even a gun with a low recoil will jerk uncontrollably as the trigger suddenly 'goes'.

You should never adjust the trigger to the point where it is just about to fire, though. The mechanism can wear quickly and the gun might fire on its own, which is very nasty.

Bearing all this in mind, I decided to build my own trigger for the Sharp Innova with a match stock that I made for my two sons. The Innova's trigger is the best of its class, but it still falls way short of those on the Feinwerkbau, Walther and Original target rifles.

My requirements were as follows:

1. It must be light. 2. It mustn't fire when I place my finger on it. 3. The travel must be negligible. 4. Everything must remain constant.

The idea suddenly came to me — I would shoot electric! My electronic trigger mechanism would handle safely and fire with no more than a tightening of the finger pressure. My finger wouldn't even move backwards during the firing process, so there would be no change of grip or balance to spoil accuracy.

My final design can be adapted for a variety of air rifles. Pistols might also

benefit, in fact, but they require a minimum trigger pressure, so it is harder to meet the regulations. As rifles have no minimum requirement, the benefits are greater.

I would recommend you to study the step-by-step picture guide in this two-part series carefully and make sure you understand the instructions properly before making your own electronic trigger. If you don't have any mechanical aptitude or a suitable workshop, then you're unlikely to succeed, however.

The mechanical side is only half of it. You will also need to build an electronic circuit for charging the capacitor, but this is quite simple if you have the experience.

The good news here, though, is that you can usually find someone — an older pupil at school perhaps — who has access to soldering equipment and who can do the job without overheating the electronic components.

I shall go into the electronic side of things in more detail next month, but I've made a list of components that you'll need and you may find that some of them have to be ordered.

## Basic Design

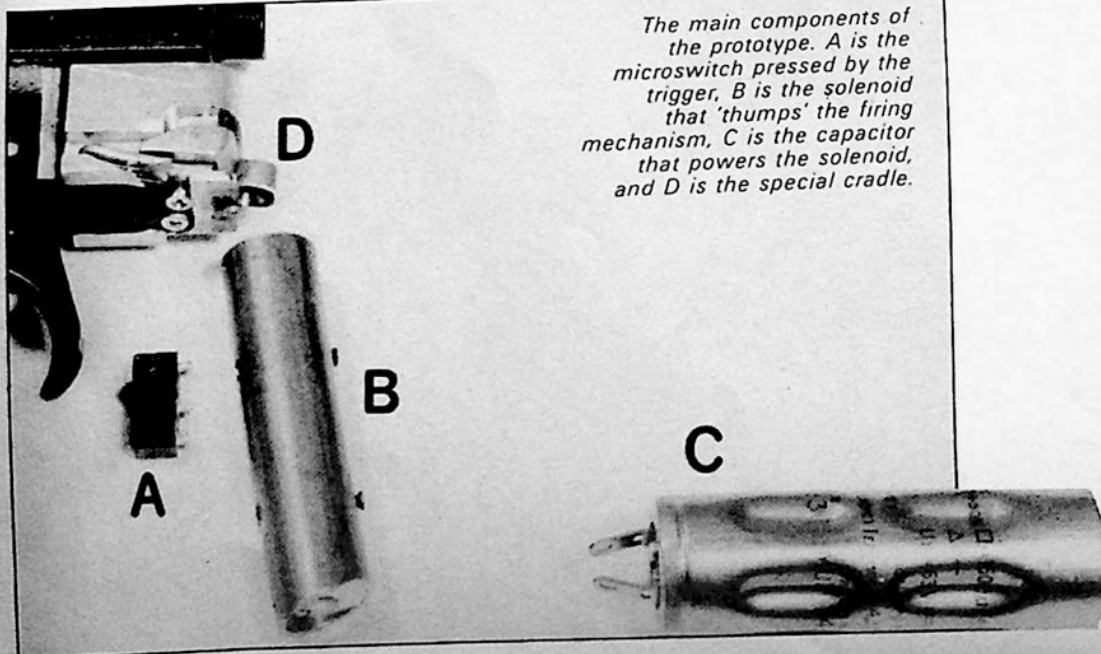
My design is based on the micro-switch, which has a very small, moving 'pimple-type' button that travels slightly and is very light to press. This is the switch which ignites the firing mechanism.

The Sharp's trigger will need to be moved forward to accommodate the extra components, and a steel rod will have to be fitted through the trigger guard immediately behind the trigger itself.

When you squeeze the trigger, it presses against the rod and this in turn pushes against the micro-switch. When this is done, an electric circuit is made.

Next, we come to the capacitor which, fully charged up to 30 volts, discharges through a solenoid. This process works rather like a chime on a door bell. The solenoid strikes against the firing mechanism and the rifle fires. This all happens instantaneously, of course.

The main components of the prototype. A is the microswitch pressed by the trigger, B is the solenoid that 'thumps' the firing mechanism, C is the capacitor that powers the solenoid, and D is the special cradle.



# Make your own electric trigger with Chris Wright

The only trick is to make the electrical part sufficiently powerful to do the job every time. For this reason, the six volts solenoid has 30 volts passed through it briefly via the capacitor.

There is nothing new in this, though, because electric model trains have their points moved by the same system. I used the solenoid from a model train layout for my prototype trigger, in fact.

As you work through the pictures to grasp the basis of my electronic trigger, bear in mind that every make of rifle has a different firing mechanism so you will have to make your own modifications as necessary.

I should add here that I cannot enter into individual correspondence over any difficulties that you may encounter. If general problems should arise, though, I will try to clear them up in a future article.

There is one feature of my system of which I'm particularly proud. Should the electronic system fail for any reason, I have worked it so that the gun will still fire conventionally.

All you have to do is remove the steel pin between the trigger and the micro-switch and then pull the trigger back to its original position. It will fire in the normal way because all its old parts are still in place.

## The Sharp Innova

Apart from the junior stock and the steel rod behind the trigger, my Sharp Innova looks no different today than when I described it in the May 1981 issue of *Airgun World*.

All I did was to fit the mechanical parts onto the new junior stock. This was quite easy, in fact, because the main assembly is held to the stock by a single screw in front of the trigger guard.

I made a new front sight and fitted a standard Milbro peepsight to the scope rail at the back. The bipod legs at the front hold the gun upright on the firing table, which helps when you're reloading.

Believe it or not, all the components are already 'on board' the Innova in figure 1 — battery, circuit board, capacitor, the lot!

As I have said, the only visible clue to the new firing mechanism is the steel rod, which you can see more clearly in figure 2. There's a brass bush in the back of the trigger to give it a two-position movement, too.

It's important to bring the trigger forward before fixing the micro-switch because the gun will fire manually rather than electronically if you don't do this. If you remove the steel rod, the trigger will fire in the same way as it always used to.

One important ingredient of this electronic trigger is a cradle, which makes the

sudden upward movement of the solenoid actually fire the gun.

Inside the cradle is a small peg which acts as a cam, pressing down on the sear that is part of the original Sharp. If you carefully examine the Innova, you'll see that the trigger actually presses on this steel sear, too.

What I've done is very simple. The solenoid presses the sear down as soon as the micro-switch closes — and the gun fires. The cradle isn't necessary if you arrange things so that the solenoid presses directly on the sear.

The next step is to drill a hole through the Sharp's plastic just above the sear, and through the cradle itself. The cranked arm will then go through the hole and hold the cradle firmly in place.

I should stress that the position of this hole needs to be measured carefully. It must just clear the top of the sear when the sear is pressed down and the gun is close to the point of firing. You can find the ideal place by adjusting the trigger position via the small screw on the standard Sharp.

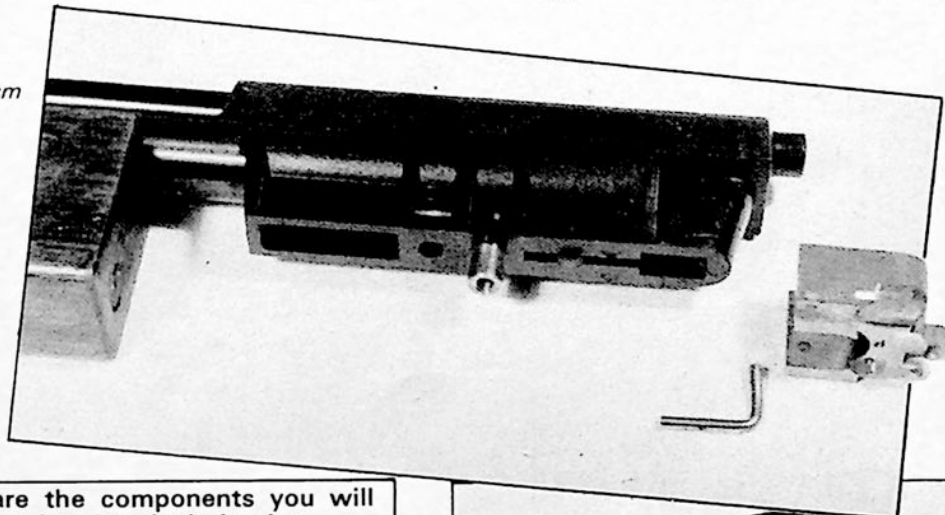
The cranked arm needs to be drilled and tapped for a grub screw around the centre of the part above the sear. A small movement on the cranked arm will then press the sear down. Unless the cranked arm is almost touching the sear, it won't move sufficiently to fire the gun.

Finally, for this month, I would like to thank Mike Dury for his help on the mechanical side and Dave Smith for designing the charging circuit for the capacitor.

I should stress that if you have any doubts about this project, then you'd be better off leaving your gun well alone. If a gun manufacturer would like to know a little more about it, on the other hand, they can invite me out to dinner sometime!

Next month: The electronics.

The trigger mechanism and cradle.

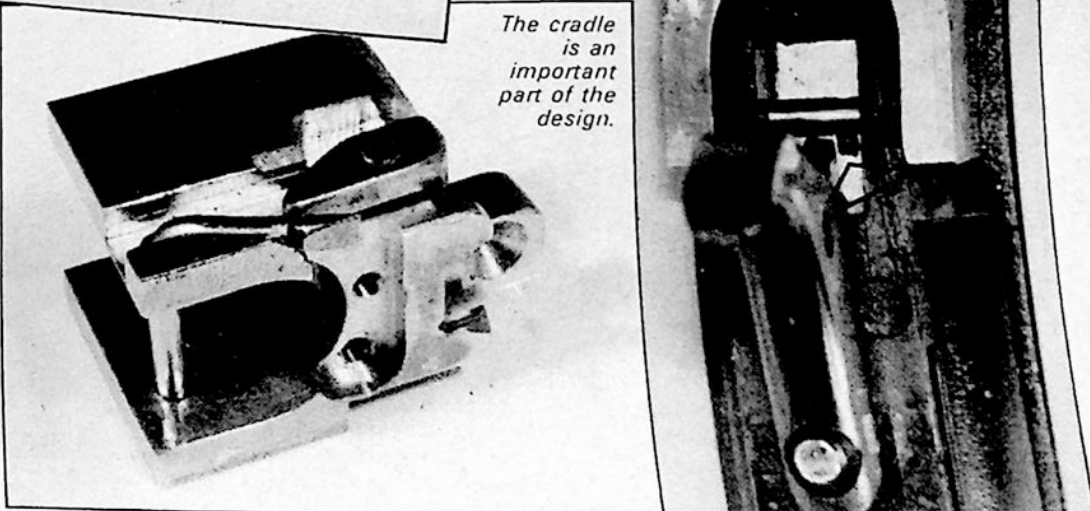


Here are the components you will need for the electrical circuit:

4½ or 6 volt battery.  
IC1 5v. to ± 15v. dc to dc converter (RS591-304).  
IC2 LM311 voltage comparator (RS 308-843).  
D1 3mm. red LED (RS 586-447).  
C1 63v. 2200 UF electronic capacitor (RS 103-058). (1000UF would probably do instead).  
L1 12v. miniature solenoid (RS 347-652).  
S1 Sliding on/off switch.  
S2 micro-switch, subminiature basic (RS 337-829).  
R1 820 resistor.  
R2 560K resistor.  
R3 470 resistor.  
VR1 100K preset.  
Small piece veroboard.

A close-up view of the pin through the cradle.

The cradle is an important part of the design.





# Any Questions . . .

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## Successful Sniper!

I own an A.S.I. Sniper in .22 calibre and recently wrote to A.S.I. asking for a spare parts price list and enquired what the muzzle energy of my gun was.

They said the velocity of the Sniper is Max. 12K, but I don't know what that means.

I'm more than happy with the Sniper, and it has already claimed a few rabbits for me! I'm thinking of having it tuned, too.

Lloyd Burgess,  
Penrith, Cumbria.

*I imagine that A.S.I. meant that the weapon was powered at 12 ft. lbs. — the permitted maximum before requiring a firearms certificate. It's extremely unlikely that your Sniper has a muzzle energy of more than 8 ft. lbs., though.*

*Tune your Sniper by all means, but I doubt whether you will increase its power significantly. At least you will know your rifle is performing at its best, though.*

## Scorpion Stock

I own a BSA Scorpion and would like to fit an arm rest to it. If this is possible, do you know where I could buy one in Liverpool or the surrounding area?

D. Crane,  
Liverpool, Merseyside.

*To the best of my knowledge there is no shoulder stock available for the BSA Scorpion, although I have seen a few home-made efforts.*

## Four of the Best

I have been shooting with a Meteor Super for the last two years and I now want to buy a new rifle.

The Original 45, Weihrauch HW35, Webley Vulcan and the BSA Mercury 'S' are four models that I have considered. Which would be the most suitable and which calibre is best for hunting?

Daniel Cortis,  
Ivybridge, Devon.

*I'd be perfectly happy with any of the four rifles you've mentioned, but bear in mind that the Webley Vulcan is lighter than the other three. That might be a deciding factor.*

*The controversy over which calibre is best for hunting has raged for years, but I prefer .22.*

## Scope Hitch

There is only one problem with my .22 Original 45, which otherwise offers an excellent combination of power and accuracy. The 3-7 X 20 scope keeps jumping back.

I've fitted arrestor blocks, but without success, and when I phoned the shop where I bought the gun they said they couldn't believe that such a small scope crept back and couldn't provide an answer. You're my last resort!

Raymond Wagner,  
Rothbury, Northumberland.

*This is a familiar problem with the Original 45 and a 3-7 X 20 scope. The only cure is to have your scope rail drilled and tapped and a proper arrestor stud fitted.*

## Hungarian Poser

A friend has asked me to find a mainspring for his unusual airgun. I took it to a gunshop and they couldn't fit a suitable spring because it's a very old model.

The markings on the barrel read 'Lampagyar, Budapest', and the number 0407 appears on the cylinder. Can you tell me the make of the rifle, its age and where I can find a suitable mainspring?

N. Stalford,  
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

*Even though this is a relatively unusual rifle, I'm surprised that a good gunshop can't match a mainspring with that of a rifle with similar internal dimensions.*

*Helston Gunsmiths in Cornwall specialise in these sort of problems, so it would be worth approaching them.*

## Russian Power

I bought a Russian Baikal .177 air rifle for £25 from my local sports shop and so far I have only used it for paper target shooting. It's quite adequate for a beginner's needs, though.

Could you tell me how powerful it is and whether I could use it effectively against vermin — and if so, at what range?

N. Arnold  
Lymm, Cheshire.

*The Baikal .177 is really only a moderately powered weapon and wouldn't be suitable for shooting quarry. If you want to use it to kill animals, then you must restrict the ranges at which you shoot.*

## Small Budget

I'm considering buying an air pistol for target shooting and I'm prepared to spend £40. Can you point me in the direction of two or three suitable models?

T. Jackson,  
Gillingham, Kent.

*A budget of £40 is cutting it rather close for a serious target pistol and the only one that springs to mind is the Daisy 717.*

*My advice would be to find a second-hand Original 5 or, better still, a model 6 as this is fully recoilless.*

## Feinwerkbau Choice

I have used an Original LP5G pistol for plinking in my garden, but I want to graduate to hunting rabbit and pigeon.

I have narrowed my search for a suitable weapon down to the Feinwerkbau Sport Mk. 2 and the Weihrauch HW35E. Both seem to have advantages and disadvantages and I can't make up my mind which to choose. Can you help?

Simon Wallis,  
Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.

*You've narrowed your choice down to two of the finest sporting spring rifles and the choice is a difficult one.*

*I would opt for the Feinwerkbau because it may have the edge on power and is one pound lighter. The Weihrauch has a beautiful walnut stock, though, and the finest trigger available, so the final decision has to be yours!*

## Confusing Laws

I am nearly 17 years old and I noticed an advertisement in *Airgun World* stating 'Magnums available on F.A.C.'.

I knew what a firearms certificate was, but I wasn't sure how to obtain one or the minimum age limit, so I phoned the police for the information.

They said I had to be 21 and needed written permission from the owner of the land on which I wanted to shoot, adding that crows, jays and corvids are protected! Is this really the case?

R. Moore,  
Cwmbran, Gwent.

*It's unreasonable to expect your local police to be experts on all aspects of the law, particularly complicated shooting laws. As you suspected, they have given you the wrong information.*

*You do need to be 17 to obtain an F.A.C. and, although all birds are protected in certain circumstances, crows and jays are vermin and may be shot by authorised people.*

## Closed Down

I recently bought a Diana G80 and a cheap Panorama 4 X 20 scope. It's quite good for 25-yard target shooting and hunting, but when I wrote to Milbro for a maintenance leaflet and spare parts list, I was told that the company had closed down.

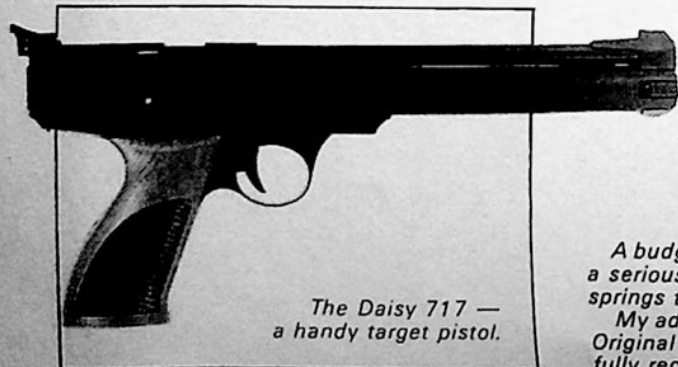
I have used only Caledonian pellets with the Diana so far, and I would like to know what sort of performance I can expect from the rifle. Perhaps you could also advise me whether sling swivels are available and the advantages of a cleaning kit.

Ronald Robertson,  
Headington, Oxfordshire.

*You can expect 8 ft. lbs. from the standard .22 model — which is a reasonable performance considering its modest price.*

*You shouldn't have any problem obtaining sling swivels from your local gunsmith.*

*You don't need to clean your gun's barrel and it's a mistake to apply oil to the barrel. Keep firing good quality lead pellets and they'll clean the barrel for you!*



The Daisy 717 —  
a handy target pistol.

## Andrew Arthur tests a new range-finder

A RANGE-FINDER is one of those little gadgets that every airgunner, especially a plinker, tends to collect over the years — and during the last couple of weeks I've been testing an interesting model from America.

Range-finders certainly shouldn't be regarded as toys. They can check the distance of a target at a field shoot so you can adjust your range accordingly — and they can measure the height of a tree so you're sure that your rifle is powerful enough to kill a bird perched on the uppermost branch.

The name of my range-finder is a real mouthful — the Eagle Eye 50 Ranging Range-finder. With a name like that, it really couldn't come from anywhere else but America!

It's the same shape and size as a Kodak Instamatic camera, and it actually works on the same principle as top-class cameras and naval gunsights.

The system is really quite complex. As you look through the eye-piece of the Eagle Eye, you'll see two images. One small section is coloured yellow and, by rotating the range ring at the side of the gadget, the yellow image will move until it coincides with the normal coloured image. When this happens, you just read off the scale.

It's an ingenious idea, which has been employed by the Navy for about 100 years. It's based on the mathematical principle that if you know the length of one side of a triangle and the angles of the other two sides, then it's easy enough to work out the height.

To make things simpler, the Eagle Eye employs the line of sight as one side of the triangle. By using mirrors and a prism, the other long side of the triangle is simulated by reflecting an image from the other end of the instrument onto a screen.

The base line is represented by the distance between the direct viewfinder and the reflector window.

When you look through the viewfinder, you see the object directly, but the reflector window looks at the same object from a different angle. When the images merge together, the distance is calculated.

The Eagle Eye is effective at distances from 12 yards to 70 yards. It is really designed for archery enthusiasts, but it is certainly suitable for airgunners, too.

The Eagle Eye is good enough for most types of shooting, and the manufacturers claim that it's accurate to within half a yard, although I'd say to within a yard. That's still far more reliable than the human eye, however, especially if we're talking about 30 yards or more.

The Eagle Eye's handy size is one of its big attractions, as it can easily be carried in a pouch and threaded onto a belt. It's

extremely neatly made from thick rigid plastic with a grained surface that simulates leather. It is black and brown, so hunters who are keen on camouflage needn't have any fears on that score.

Its one drawback is that it costs £34, which is perhaps a little expensive for most airgunners. If you need an accurate range-finder for shooting, though, then this is the model to have.

I encountered a few snags when I first used my Eagle Eye. To start with, it took me a long time to get the knack of lining up the two images and then reading off the distance.

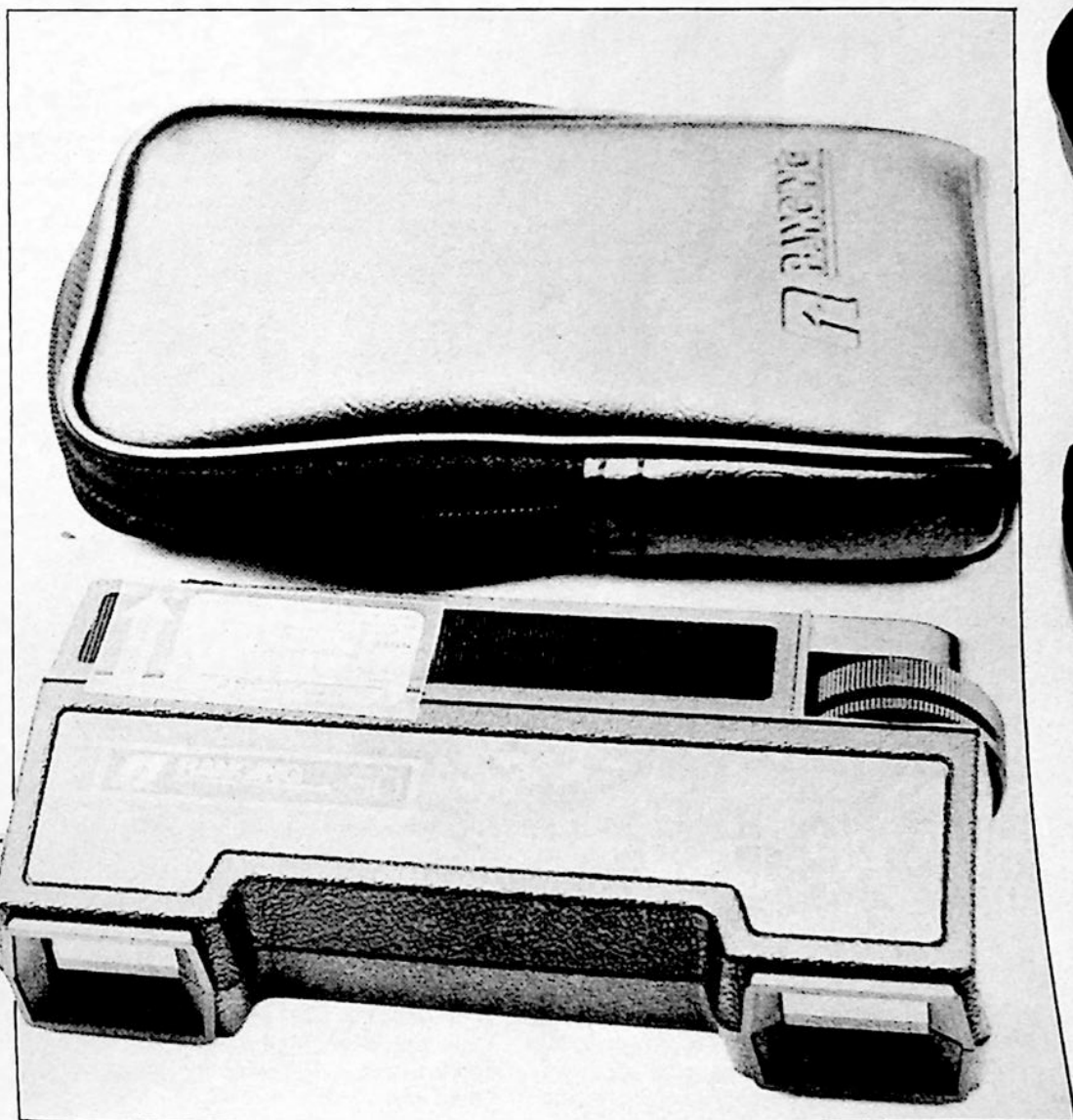
Judging the distance of small objects isn't easy because the patch of the overlapping image is bigger than the view of the target. I soon found a trick to by-pass that problem, though, by pointing the

viewfinder at the edge of the object and turning the range knob until the two edges coincided. This trick doesn't always work, however.

I found that the most reliable way to judge the distance was to focus on the nearest large object to my quarry. A fence post shows up very well, for instance, but bushes or twiggy trees can be difficult to gauge.

The Eagle Eye works well enough in poor light, but it isn't suitable for lamping. It will focus on a torch beam or any other source of light in the darkness, however.

All told, this is certainly a handy gadget if you have problems judging distances. Certainly every shooter should have one in a perfect world — because it would end any accusations of shooting at targets that are out of range!



*The Eagle Eye 50 Range-finder and its handy carrying case.*





*Checking the lie of the land.*

WHAT'S the least equipment that you need to take with you when you go airgun hunting? If you think about it, you can actually leave most things at home!

An airgun is essential, of course — otherwise you wouldn't be *airgun* hunting! You'll need some pellets, too, of course!

What else? Well, anything else is really just a luxury — and I like to keep the extras down to a minimum.

I always take a pen-knife, because it often comes in useful for some little job or other. And if your foray is successful, you'll need a knife to deal with your quarry — paunching rabbits, for instance.

Another piece of equipment that I don't like to leave behind is a pair of binoculars, and the pair that I normally use are Zeiss 8 X 30's.

They're not particularly powerful and they don't enable me to see in very poor light — but they're convenient to carry and they give a good, crisp image in reasonable conditions. They mean that I can spy out distant fields for signs of quarry that I could never see with the naked eye, or even through my 4X magnification scope.

On my most recent foray, I took no more equipment than this — my favourite rifle, the Theoben Sirocco, a few RWS Superpoint pellets, a pen-knife and the binoculars.

I also wore my favourite shooting gear — an old one-piece flying suit that I bought from an army surplus store in London. It's a drab olive green colour and, although it has no camouflage pattern, it's baggy and the patterns of light and shade give a pretty good camouflage effect.

The flying suit also has dozens of zip-up pockets, with heaps of room for small items of equipment — although I'd left it all at home on this particular occasion.

A face mask and camouflaged peaked cap to keep it in place completed my kit. I filled the zip-up pocket on my arm with pellets, hung the binoculars round my neck and set off for the woods.

It was one of those days when I didn't have any particular plan in mind. I didn't even know what quarry I was after! I simply wanted to enjoy a day in the countryside — and, if an opportunity to

fill the bag turned up, so much the better.

I slipped through the trees, the sound of my boots muffled by the moist, spongy layer of decaying leaves. Inside the wood it was eerily silent, and the thick roof of leaves made it almost as dark as night.

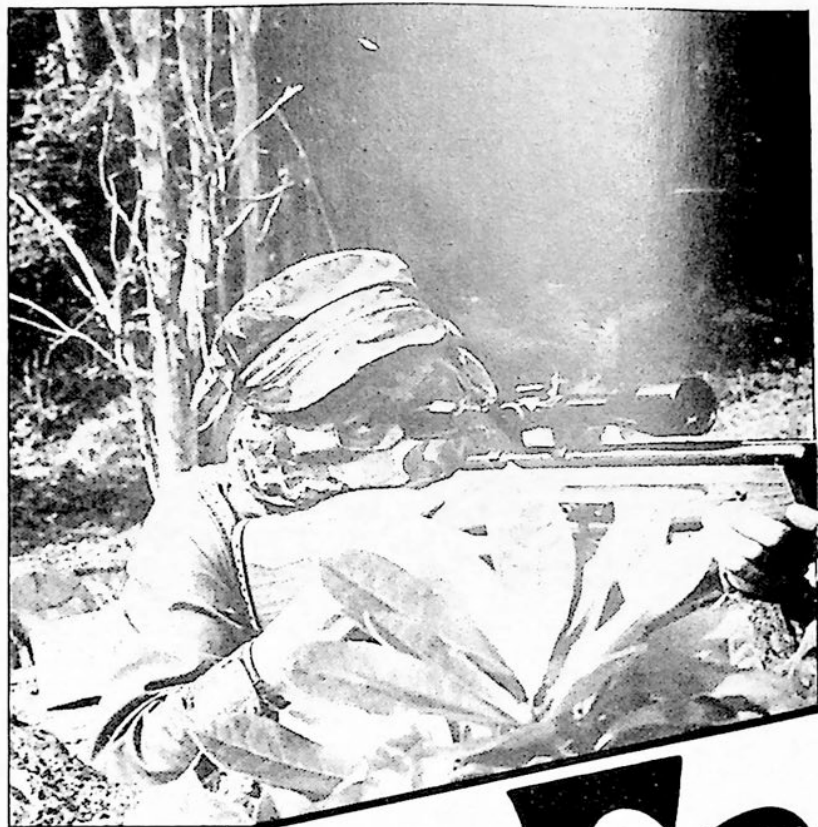
As I approached the far edge of the wood, I stopped and scanned the field ahead through the binoculars.

At first, it looked empty, except for a flock of starlings that were poking around for insects in the many cowpats scattered on the ground. I waited, watching the starlings squabble and fight over the latest tasty morsel.

Then I caught sight of a small brown shape, hardly bigger than a 2p piece, sticking up from behind a patch of thistles. As I watched, it bobbed down for a few seconds, then reappeared, twitching slightly.

I soon recognised it as the top of a rabbit's ear, which appeared every time the bunny sat up to chew a mouthful of grass and look around. When it crouched to feed again, its ear would disappear behind the thistles.

Standing in the shade of the wood, I



**James Marchington is foiled on his rabbit shooting foray**

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A face mask and camouflaged peaked cap — and James Marchington is ready for hunting action with his Theoben Sirocco.

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realised that the creatures in the field would have precious little chance of spotting me — even if I walked straight towards them. From outside, the wood was just a black shape — providing me with an easy approach to the edge of the field.

The starlings were going to be a problem, though. The rabbit was too far from the edge of the wood for a sporting shot, so I would have to crawl through the rough grass of the field until I was close enough.

That would bring me into full view of the starlings, though, which would flap off noisily in a black cloud of rushing wings — alarming my quarry as they went.

I decided to approach as close as I dared to the edge of the field, anyway, hoping that I might find a way round the problem. Treading warily to avoid snapping a tell-tale twig, I crept forward.

As luck would have it, I discovered that a large area of long grass and bracken extended out from the edge of the wood into the field towards my quarry.

It looked just tall enough to provide me with cover from the starlings' sharp eyes. If my luck held out, I might be able to stalk the rabbit unobserved — so long as none of the birds flew directly overhead at the wrong moment.

Edging forward through the long grass was exhausting work. I used the tips of my toes and my elbows, keeping flat against the ground as I moved an inch at a time.

I soon began to wish that I'd left the binoculars behind. I would never have spotted the rabbit without them, of course, but now they were quite a handicap — catching in the grass with every movement. I should have left them in the wood and picked them up after my stalk, but it was too late to go back now.

After what seemed like hours, I reached the edge of the patch of grass. Now I could go no further: I would have to take my shot from here.

I paused for a moment to catch my breath, realising that I was in no state to fire immediately.

When my pulse rate had dropped closer to normal, I parted the grass in front and peeped through the tiny gap. The rabbit was still feeding contentedly, about 20 yards ahead of me. Unaware of the peril it was in, it presented a fairly simple shot.

Now I had to move back and cock the rifle silently. It wouldn't have damaged the Sirocco's mechanism to have left it cocked through the stalk, but crawling through undergrowth with a cocked gun is a recipe for disaster.

I held the trigger while I pulled back the barrel, compressing the gas in the gun's cylinder. This avoids the metallic click as the sear engages.

Then I unzipped the pocket on my upper left arm, and placed a pellet in the breech. That pocket is ideally placed for reaching a pellet when you're lying down



I parted the grass and peeped through the gap . . .

— although I don't suppose that the person who designed the flying suit had me in mind!

At last I was ready, and I adopted the classic prone position to aim confidently at the rabbit's head. I ran through the sequence of checks in my mind — safe shot, hand position, breathing, holdover.

Satisfied that everything was all right, I squeezed the trigger slowly and deliberately, feeling for the slight resistance that told me the sear was on the point of disengaging.

The gun fired, and the starlings went up with a great whoosh, wheeling away over the wood — but I felt something was wrong.

Looking through the scope, I could see the rabbit lying on the ground — dead as a doornail and with a piece of grass still clamped between its teeth. A little trickle of dark red blood oozed from the hole just below its ear.

It was a straightforward shot, and the quarry was lying there dead, so what could be wrong?

I thought back over what had happened. Suddenly it struck me. I had heard the starlings take fright *before* I fired the shot — so what had alarmed them?

As I lay there wondering, everything became clear. A big dog fox loped across the field towards me — and I realised that he had scared the birds away. The fox didn't seem to have heard my shot — maybe the noise of the birds had muffled the sound.

I should have known that everything had gone too perfectly. The fox moved deceptively fast with its smooth, easy gait — and in no time at all he was on top of the dead rabbit.

I wasn't the only opportunist in the fields that day. The fox picked up the dead bunny and slipped quietly away — while I lay there too flabbergasted to do anything about it!



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## A Different Viewpoint

I am writing to air my views on two letters — one from A. Musgrove and the other from D. Gribbald, both of which were published in the May issue.

While I agree with Mr. Musgrove's comments on some rather contradictory statements in Mr. Green's letter, I suggest that he isn't as well informed as he might like to think.

He believes that an industry needs backing and support to become competitive. Wrong — an industry needs a good product to win support and backing!

As for supporting British manufacturers, let me quote Mr. Green, who said: 'It's not our fault that they can't come up with anything to match the competition'.

Now for Mr. Gribbald! I can't understand why he didn't try the Weihrauch HW35 before parting with his beloved BSA Meteor. There are more than enough gunshops who offer expert and impartial advice on the merits and pitfalls of air weapons.

I presume he was referring to the HW35 when he mentioned the blueing lifting off and pretty stocks.

Personally, I think their stocks are more attractive than those on the average British weapon, and I've never had any problem with the blueing on a Weihrauch HW35.

I also feel that a two-stage trigger, efficient sights, built-in scope rails and arrestor holes, a solid safety catch and sling swivels are anything but the trivia that Mr. Gribbald claims.

Mr. Gribbald should buy a gun that suits him, regardless of where it was made. If he does settle for a British weapon again, I hope that it's not built like a British motor bike — all show and no go!

Robert Harvey,  
Hordle, Hampshire.

## Holy Smoke!

I was interested in the explanation (*Any Questions*, July issue) that 'Virark' is an approximation of the way in which you should pronounce the word 'Weihrauch'.

In fact, 'Vyrowch' would probably be closer to the German pronunciation — the 'ch' sounding as it does in the Scottish word 'loch'.

I've often wondered how the manufacturers chose 'Weihrauch' as their name, because it actually means 'incense'.

'Weih' means sacred and 'rauch' means smoke — literally, Holy Smoke! I wonder whether they had dieselling in mind?

A.W. Atkins,  
Dover, Kent.

## Accuracy or Power

As a pest controller, I always look for the best equipment, and over the years I've tried just about everything that has come on to the market.

The best rifle I've come across so far is the Weihrauch HW55. It's not the most powerful of guns, but power isn't everything — although I used to think otherwise.

The HW55 pushes 9 lbs. on the chronograph — not a powerhouse, but it kills everything I hit and is the most accurate gun I've ever used. I can't fault it, and it's great for vermin control as well as indoor and outdoor target shooting.

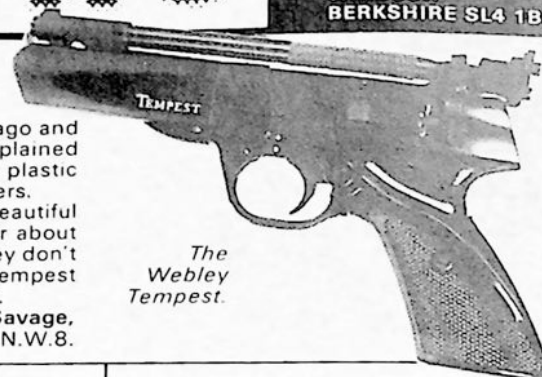
J. Sage,  
Norwich, Norfolk.

## Tempest Grips

I bought a Webley Tempest a year ago and my friend, who is left-handed, complained that he couldn't use it because the plastic grips are only suitable for right-handers.

I managed to obtain some beautiful rosewood grips, made by Webley, for about £15, though, and they are superb. They don't have a thumb rest, so you can use the Tempest whether you are left- or right-handed.

Guy Savage,  
London, N.W.8.



The  
Webley  
Tempest.

## Wonky Walther

John Atkins (*Collectors' Corner*, May issue) said that he had never seen a broken Walther LP53. Having read similar comments before, I reckon I must have been singularly unlucky!

Some time ago I bought a second-hand LP53 in excellent condition, but the rearsight soon broke — mainly, I think, because of the kick it received from the frame every time I fired the gun.

I have seen other models with a groove across the top of the frame which has been caused by the bottom of the rearsight.

Having repaired the rearsight, I noticed a hairline crack in the side of the frame. You could see this after the gun was fired because oil started to seep out of the cylinder.

I wrote to the manufacturers about this problem and they replied that the damage was probably due to metal fatigue. As a result I had to buy an expensive new frame from them.

I have also read that the barrel is made of beautiful blued steel — but this is just not true. In fact, the black soon starts to wear off.

I think that the Walther LP53 is an interesting design, fascinating to look at and a challenge to shoot — but it is also rather over-rated and over-priced!

N. Belson,  
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

## Somewhere to Shoot

I've just bought a Feinwerkbau Sport air rifle but I have nowhere to go shooting near my home. If anyone can help me, I would be very grateful.

Chris Swann,  
Wirral, Merseyside.

## Scopes on Rifles

I was horrified to read articles in the July issue by two well-known writers who recommend using rifle-mounted telescopic sights to view the surrounding countryside.

David Lane gave a shocking description of two roe deer that 'looked like ghosts until I viewed them through the Moonlighter', while Arthur Shepherd 'scanned the garden through the scope on its full 9X magnification'.

This irresponsible behaviour shows a complete disregard for one of the fundamental rules of gun safety — because you should never point a loaded gun at anything which you don't intend to shoot. It is doubly disturbing coming from two such respected members of the shooting community.

Using a scope as a substitute for binoculars can be extremely dangerous — and I hope *Airgun World* will discourage its readers from doing this.

Mark Solomons,  
Hendon, London.

## New Shooting Centre

A new shooting centre is to be built in Edinburgh with five airgun ranges and 40 firing points, catering for both 6-yard and 10-metre shooters.

You will be able to hire guns, and training in safety and range discipline will also be given.

The centre is due to open next spring and anyone who wants further details should write to me.

T.D. Brotherstone,  
78 High Street, Bonnyrigg,  
Midlothian, Scotland.

## Need for Instruction

As a constable in the West Yorkshire Police, I have always felt that children and teenagers should be taught to use airguns safely.

I have now started the Pontefract Air Rifle Club, which uses the 25-yard indoor range at the town's Territorial Army Centre.

The club is chiefly for 10- to 25-year-olds — the age group with which I come in contact on duty — and we already have 25 members and five helpers to instruct novices.

Members won't shoot only at paper targets because the younger ones soon tire of this, and I hope to obtain some silhouette targets and perhaps even arrange an outdoor shoot, too.

R.J. Taylor,  
Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

## EEC Scenario

I think that the National Farmers' Union will always be negative towards airguns for a number of reasons (*Mixed Bag*, June 1983 issue).

Not least of these is the change in farming practices. The 'new model' farmer tends to be a money-minded city gent, who employs a professional farm manager to look after large, hedgeless fields. Airgunners just don't fit into such a snug EEC-funded scenario.

On the subject of airgun misuse, I believe that the number of offenders under 17 and the number of offences could be significantly reduced if the laws concerning the sale of airguns were upheld.

Most specialist airgun retailers are very good on this point — but others are not. Anyone can buy a gun from a mail order company by saying they are over 17, because no proof is required.

The only effective way of upholding the law is for manufacturers to ensure that all their outlets are reputable and for retailers to insist on proof of age. Mail order firms could ask for a photostat of a birth certificate. This might make things a little difficult, but it's surely better to deny a 17-year-old an airgun than allow a 16-year-old to buy one.

Name and address supplied.

# AIRGUN WORKSHOP

## Making a sling — with Eddie Barber

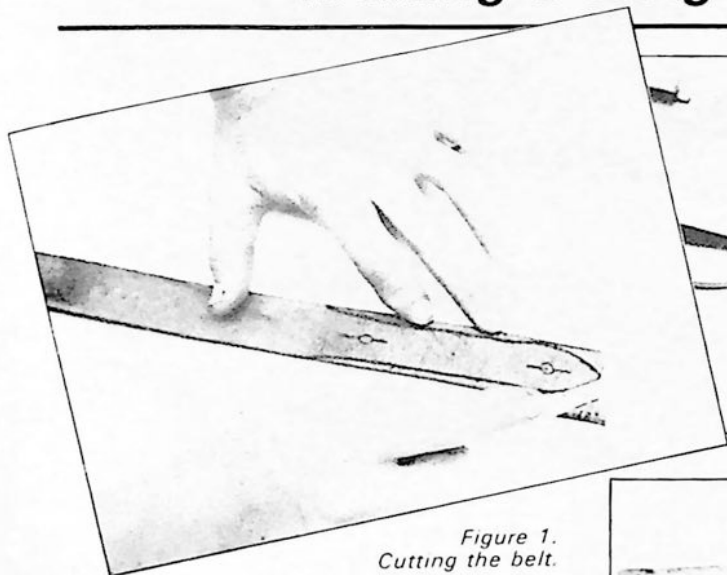


Figure 1.  
Cutting the belt.

I CAN'T IMAGINE anyone using a heavy-weight hunting air rifle which isn't fitted with a sling. After all, there are so many advantages in using one.

You can hang the gun safely on a convenient branch — uncocked and unloaded, of course — or you can use it to help steady your aim. If you have a surprisingly good day's rabbit shooting, you can even unhitch the sling, slide the hooked rabbits along it and then attach it to the rifle again!

There is also a rather more obvious use for a sling — for carrying your rifle!

It's simple enough to make your own sling, especially if you have an old leather belt that you no longer want. I must stress that you should use leather — not vinyl or any other simulated leather — although canvas webbing is a possible alternative material.

If you're a jolly green giant — or any other colour, for that matter — you'll need a specially long sling, but about 42 inches should be enough for most people.

Cut the buckle off the belt and make a mark with a felt-tip pen at each end, five inches long and  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch wide.

Then use a sharp modelling or Stanley knife to cut carefully along the lines, as shown in figure 1.

Next, cut a small hole one inch from each end, and another  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches below that. Now cut a slot  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch long vertically across the holes.

Proper sling studs are hard to obtain in small quantities, but a pair of cuff-links or collar studs will serve just as well. Simply turn over the ends of the sling until the holes align and then insert the studs.

If your rifle doesn't have sling swivels fitted already, the remedy is quite simple for most guns. You can buy Weihrauch HW35 or Parker-Hale sling swivels from most gunshops, and you simply fit them to the barrel at the front and screw them

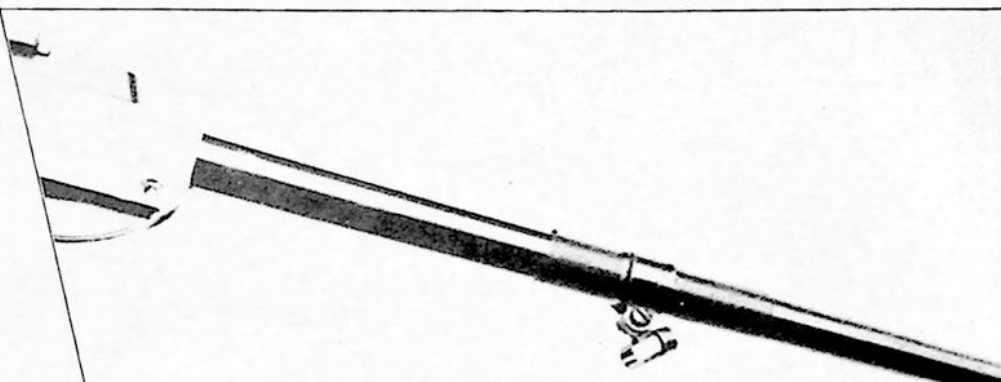


Figure 2. Protect the barrel with PVC tape.

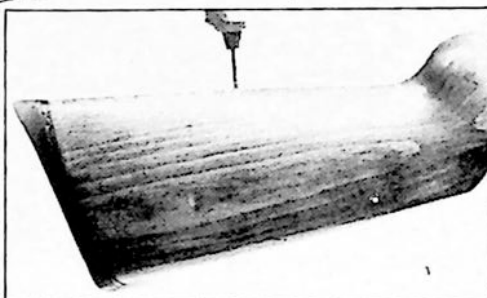
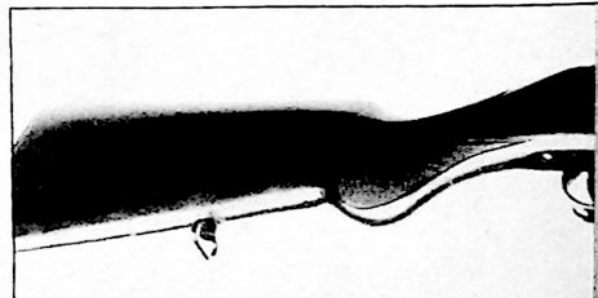
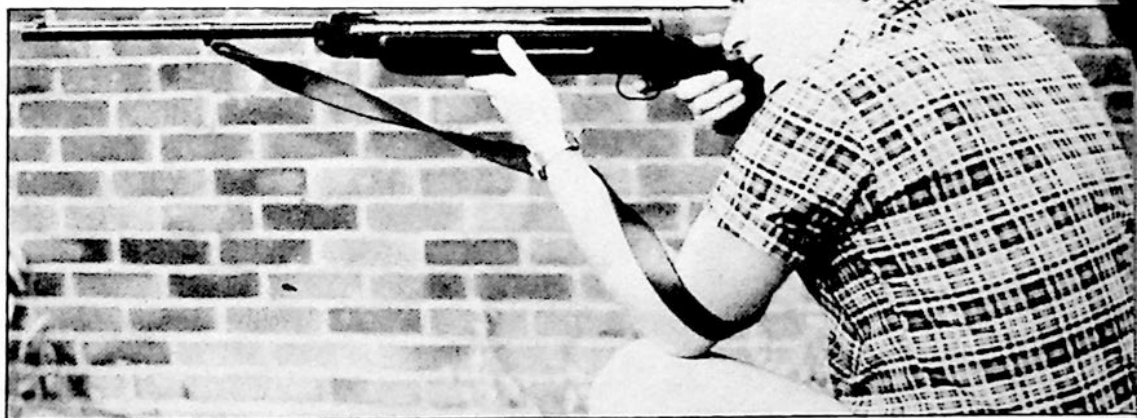


Figure 3. Drilling a hole in the stock.



The rear swivel in position.

Using a sling helps accurate shooting.



into the stock at the rear.

A piece of black PVC tape will protect the barrel when you fit the front swivel, as in figure 2. If the swivel is too small for your barrel, then you need a longer screw. More tape will do the trick if it is too large.

You must drill the stock to fit the rear swivel, using a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. drill for the HW35 type and a  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. for the larger type. Support the stock carefully in a padded vice or with the help of a friend, and drill into the wood about five or six inches from the toe of the stock. Make the hole a little deeper than the thread of the swivel, as in figure 3.

Screw the swivel in carefully with a screwdriver and, if it becomes tight before it is fully home, remove it and drill a little deeper. You could split the stock if you try to force it.

When you fit the sling, push the stud through the lower hole, loop the ends through the swivels and line up the holes. Push the stud or the swivel part of the cuff-link through the lower hole and make sure that it won't slip out by giving the sling a sharp tug.

A liberal dose of silicone oil will work wonders — as well as giving the leather a sheen and making it virtually waterproof.

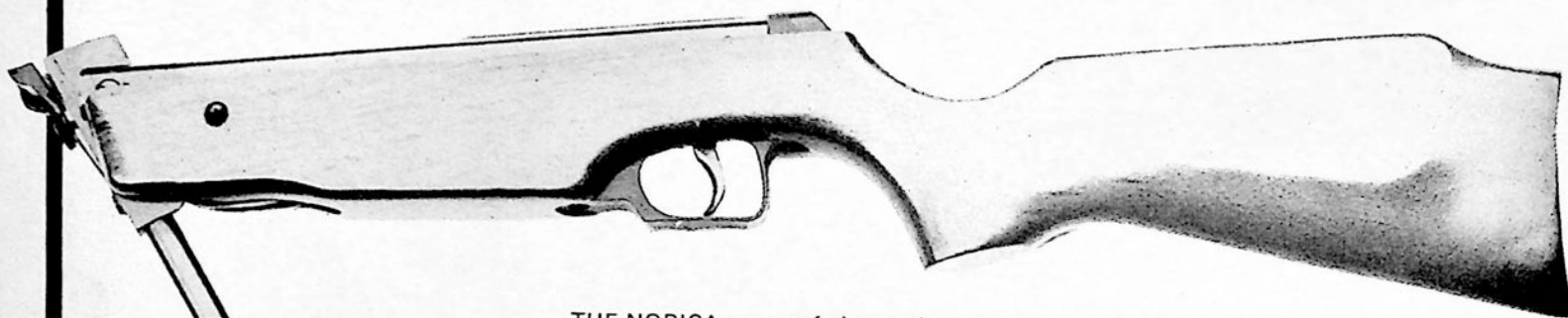


# GUN TEST

# The Norica

Photos by  
Jolyon Bambridge

*Geoffrey Boxall had some  
difficulty breaking the barrel.*



THE NORICA range of airguns have been imported to this country by several different companies over the years.

One of the first firms to bring them over from Spain were Gunmark, who used to sell the model 73 — which was called the Phantom in those days. That was back in the Seventies, and the Spanish manufacturers then used a number of different importers without any notable success.

Now the wheel has turned full circle — and Gunmark are once again responsible for distributing the Norica range in Britain. Better known in the gun trade for their Beretta shotguns, Gunmark will be selling three models — the Norica 80, 73 and 56.

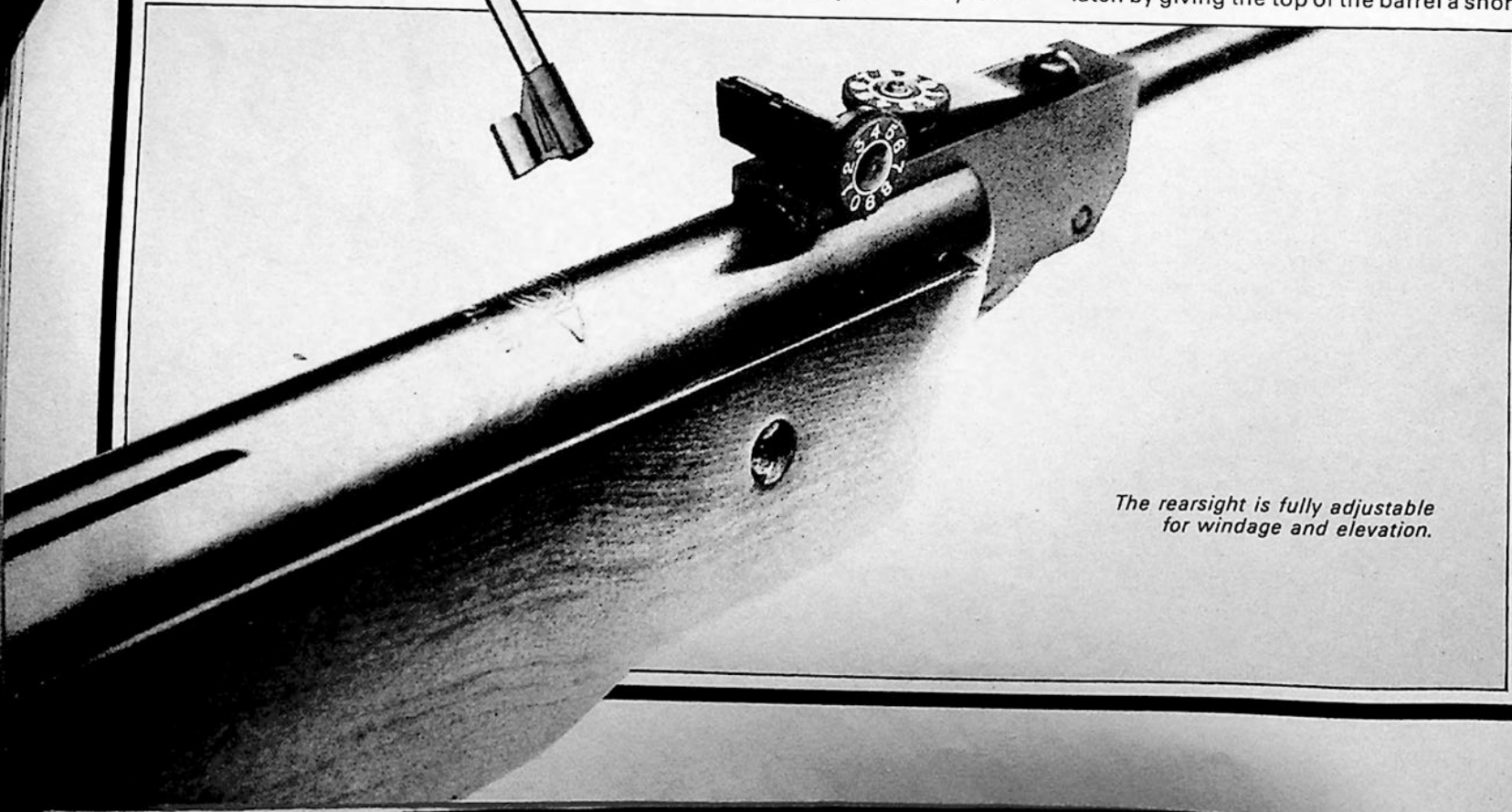
The model 56, which I've been testing during the last few weeks, was sold in this country for a short period last year —

but not many were produced so it will be a 'new' gun to most British airgunners.

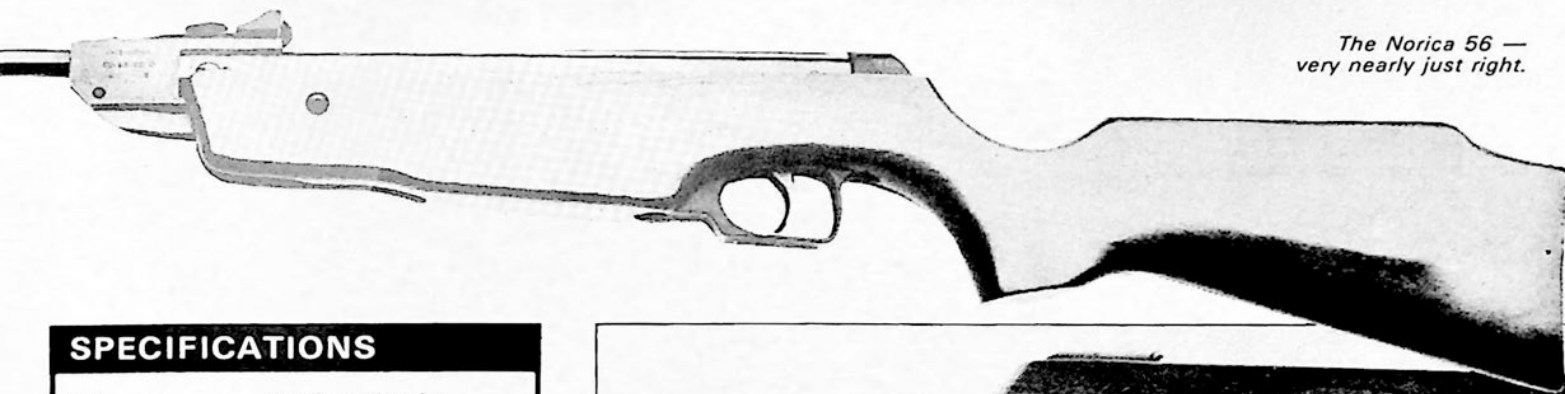
Aimed at shooters who don't want to spend too much money, the Norica 56 has been manufactured down to a price rather than up to a standard — and I reckon this may be a mistake. If they had improved it in just a couple of ways, the Norica 56 would be a rifle worthy of anyone's gun rack.

The big question about the Norica 56 is this — if you can break the barrel, will you be able to pull the trigger? Yes, it really is that difficult!

I found that I needed to be the next best thing to a karate expert just to open the breech! It stayed closed however much I pulled it, so I eventually released the latch by giving the top of the barrel a short



*The rearsight is fully adjustable  
for windage and elevation.*



*The Norica 56 — very nearly just right.*

## SPECIFICATIONS

|                  |                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Maker:           | Norica, Spain.                          |
| Importer:        | Gunmark Ltd., Fareham, Hants.           |
| Calibre:         | .177 and .22.                           |
| Overall Length:  | 37¾ ins.                                |
| Barrel Length:   | 16 ins.                                 |
| Weight:          | 5 lbs.                                  |
| Muzzle Velocity: | 446 f.p.s. in .22 with Bulldog pellets. |
| Muzzle Energy:   | 6.41 ft. lbs.                           |
| Price:           | £31.05 inc. VAT.                        |

sharp crack with the base of my hand.

Having cocked and loaded the rifle, and released the forward trigger safety catch, the rifle I tested then tested me — because it had a trigger pull weight of just over 9 lbs. Whether or not I was just unlucky in trying a 'rogue' rifle, I cannot say.

Norica have made decent triggers in the past — and the one on their model 61C was not only decent but adjustable, too. The model 56 trigger is a different kettle of fish. Bearing in mind that the rifle is designed for younger shooters, you could wish that it was rather easier to pull.

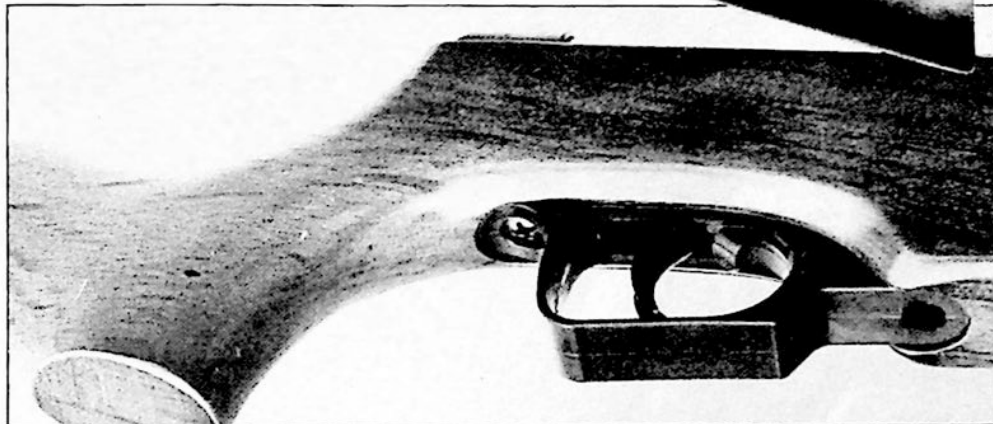
The trigger becomes a little easier with use, however — and, in every other respect, the rifle shoots very well.

Norica very nearly got it right, in fact. The stock has been specially designed to suit young airgunners, and very few other junior air rifles can boast a solid steel barrel, adjustable rearsight and the overall good looks of the Norica.

What a pity that all this should be spoiled by the problem in cocking the rifle and the hefty trigger pull. Unfortunately, those are the two areas where many youngsters encounter the most difficulties, anyway.

You can ease the break-barrel arrangement slightly, but it's more difficult to improve the trigger. Cleaning it on a stone will reduce the trigger pull weight to some extent — but perhaps not enough for a junior airgunner to be able to obtain consistently good results.

What about the rest of the rifle? Well, the hardwood stock is attractively finished and its dimensions will certainly suit the average youngster. Smaller shooters will



*Above: The Norica trigger and safety catch. Below: The well designed stock.*

find it particularly comfortable thanks to its semi-Monte Carlo shape and broad fore-end.

My only criticism of the stock is that it has no chequering, so the polished finish means that your hand can slip quite easily.

The cylinder is dovetailed to take a standard scope mount, and the open sights are the same as those on earlier Norica models.

The rearsight is fully adjustable for both windage and elevation, and the knurled screws are easy to turn. The foresight is a parallel post protected by a steel cover.

All the metalwork has been traditionally blued and well polished, and the rifle's overall finish is far superior to what you'd expect from a gun in the £30 price range.

The trigger is made from pressed steel and there is a knock-off safety catch in front of the trigger guard. This may not be the best place for a safety catch — but it's better to have one there than nowhere at all.

Once you have overcome the problem of cocking and firing the model 56 — and I venture to suggest that Norica might make some improvements in these areas — then it's fair to say that this is quite a nice little rifle with plenty of good things going for it.

It will suit smaller shooters particularly and, once the faults that I've mentioned have been ironed out, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend the Norica as one of the best guns in its price bracket.





IT SEEMED a strange coincidence that whichever feed hopper I approached first was almost always occupied by a large crow or jackdaw. Usually I managed to stalk it and kill it comparatively easily.

When I moved on to the next hopper, though, it either had no unwelcome visitors — or else they flew off long before I could bring the rifle to my shoulder.

I thought that it was peculiar that this happened virtually every time — regardless of which hopper I approached first and in what order I went around them.

I have a number of these hopper feeds, by the way, which I've made from large plastic cans. I hang them at intervals around my woods so that the pheasants can take the grain from them as they need it.

Many other birds visit the hoppers, too, including hundreds of small birds which are more than welcome to the small amount of grain that they take.

I don't even mind rabbits and pigeon using them, because it gives me a chance to monitor their numbers and to shoot the odd one for the pot. If I spot a rat there, I can usually shoot it — and if the problem gets out of hand, I put down some rat poison.

My major problem, though, is the crow family. Hoodies, carrions, jackdaws and occasionally rooks steal large quantities of grain from the hoppers and keep all the other birds away. I fight a permanent war against them.

It was during this never-ending battle that I first noticed the strange phenomena that I've mentioned. I would regularly shoot a crow at the first feed — and then nothing. Camouflage gear made no difference.

I decided that the problem must be caused by noise. Even though the hoppers were some way apart, and I couldn't hear the blast of an airgun between one hopper and the next, maybe the birds could.

That was why I contacted Ken Galway, the mastermind behind the Galway Silencer Company, to see if he could come to my rescue. He did — with two silencers and an adaptor for my various rifles.

These silencers proved unbelievably effective. On my first trip I found nothing at the first hopper, shot one of three pigeon at the second, nothing at the third and fourth, a lone jackdaw at the fifth, nothing at the sixth, and one of six rooks at the seventh.

What made this achievement all the more impressive was that the hoppers where I made my kills were all reasonably close together.

What's more, this happened nearly every time I visited the hoppers. Providing I had a Galway silencer fitted, I always managed to shoot several members of the crow family on each trip — so much so that their numbers dwindled rapidly until they no longer presented a threat.

I always used a spring air rifle, rather than a pneumatic, and what I soon noticed was that the silencer made more of a difference if I was listening to someone else shooting rather than firing myself. When I pulled the trigger myself, the noise seemed to be less — but it was still quite considerable.

## Freddie Dalgety tests some silencers

# Silent

The tests I carried out showed that the range at which you could hear an airgun was reduced by about half. The silencer eliminated nearly all the muzzle noise, and all you could hear was the sound made by the piston and spring.

Further tests which I made with some pretty basic sonic equipment showed that the Galway silencer not only cut out the noise of the muzzle blast, but also the mass of complex high-pitched sounds that accompany it. In the field it is probably these ultrasonic noises which act as a warning to your quarry.

All my dogs connect the sound of an airgun as the signal for a good walk and perhaps some interesting hunting. If I leave a dog, he usually sits there and waits for my return — but his ears prick up as soon as he hears an airgun.

To see just how good the Galway silencers were, I carried out a series of tests to find whether my dogs could hear the gun at different distances.

The distance that sounds carry depends very much on the terrain and the weather, by the way, so I always made my comparative tests in identical conditions. Once again, the results were surprising.

In the total silence of the highland glen near my home, a human can hear a silenced rifle at about 600 yards — and an unsilenced weapon at around 800 yards.

A dog, on the other hand, is put on the alert by an unsilenced gun at over 1,000 yards — but pays no attention to a silenced gun at 300 yards.

These figures assume that the barrel is aimed away at an angle of more than 90 degrees when you fire. If the angle is less than that, the dog is attracted by the sound of the silenced gun at rather longer ranges — looking first in the direction of the pellet and then back at the gun.

More realistic tests, co-ordinated over C.B. and carried out in the woods, showed some interesting results, too. The human ear picked up neither the silenced or the unsilenced rifle at 200 yards but, as the distance diminished, you could hear both at around 160 yards — one soon after the other.

If there were other noises — from birds, distant voices, engines, the wind and so on — the results were quite different. You could hear the unsilenced rifle at 120 yards, but the silenced one only at 30 yards.

Meanwhile, the dogs were alerted at about 250 and 50 yards respectively in calm conditions — and at around 200 and 35 yards respectively when it was windy.

You can learn several lessons from this. First, an airgun can be heard a long way off if you're listening out for it.

Also, so far as the human ear is con-

cerned, silencers are at their most effective when there are everyday background noises all around you and when you're shooting over land with natural sound barriers such as hills, bushes and buildings.

You shouldn't confuse the sounds heard by a human with those that will alert an animal, though. A silencer is at its most effective in this high frequency sound range — with the result that 'alert' sounds are reduced from 1,000 yards to 300 in still conditions, and from 200 to 35 in circumstances that favour the hunter.

You could more accurately describe the Galway silencer as a 'sound moderator', in fact. It moderates the noise of the gas passing out of the muzzle, and it virtually eliminates the high frequency sounds that are most likely to give your position away.

It can't eliminate the noise of a pellet passing through the air after it has left the muzzle, of course, and it has little or no effect on the spring and piston sounds — but these don't seem to alert animals anyway.

If you want to kill the spring and piston noises, you can reduce them drastically by wrapping your rifle in a thick, padded coat — but this is cumbersome and a waste of time anyway if a silencer isn't fitted too.

You should also bear in mind that a Galway silencer won't add much more than three ounces to the weight of your gun — which is barely noticeable. What's more, it acts rather like a barrel weight and actually assists accuracy.

In itself, a silencer won't affect accuracy either way. As a perfectly distributed weight, however, it reduces the vibration caused by the piston movement to a predictable level and helps to counteract muzzle flip.

One word of warning, though. Don't use a Galway silencer with Sussex Sabo pellets because the plastic Sabo opens at the muzzle and will trip on the silencer's lining. The bullet will fly off at an angle, while its casing could damage the lining and even become stuck in the silencer.

I'm very pleased that I carried out these tests — because they've proved the value of a silencer and I always fit one when I'm going hunting now.

The results have been most rewarding, too. It's almost as though the number of pigeon and rabbits on my shoot has doubled overnight. My bag certainly has!

A single shot always used to alert quarry over a wide area — but now, with a silencer fitted, the danger noises are limited to a much smaller part of my shoot. It means that the element of surprise is still with me on my second stalk — and I no longer give the game away with my very first shot.

# Might!



Main photo: Camouflage gear makes stalking easier — but a silencer is a big help, too. Inset: Some of the Galway silencers that impressed Freddie Dalgety.



Paul Dobson's

# MIXED BAG

## Double Barrel Chat

MORE AND MORE airgunners are talking about the advantages of double-barrelled air rifles — but the prospect of one being developed still seems remote.

Our *Country Gun* writer, Arthur Shepherd, was talking to me about the double-barrel idea just the other day, prompted by a letter from Mr T. Philpott of Somerset in our June issue.

'He suggested that it might be possible

to adapt the Day-state Huntsman type of design with its compressed air reservoir', said Arthur, 'by adding two triggers with a separate channel and valve for each barrel, which would be tap loaded.

'Well, I agree with him that there are times when an immediate second or even third shot would be a great advantage — especially when you have hit your quarry but not killed it outright with your first shot.

'It would be cumbersome and difficult to make a double-shot air rifle using conventional charging systems, though'.

What about the new Ensign Elite rifle that Arthur tested in June, I suggested?

Wouldn't the system which that rifle employs help to overcome some of the difficulties?

'That's just it', replied Arthur. 'The Ensign uses pre-loaded and primed air cartridges, and the same method could work for a multi-shot bolt action rifle, using a clip-on magazine, or a pump action rifle.

'A single barrelled, multiple shot rifle would make manufacture and sight arrangement much easier — and should be feasible. An over-and-under double barrelled rifle, looking rather like a shotgun, might look more attractive and be better balanced, though'.

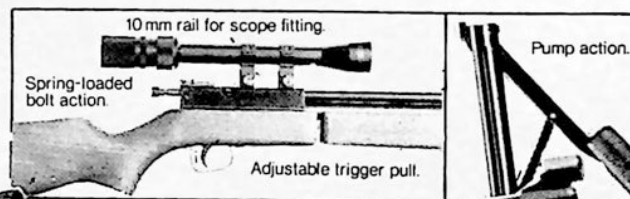
Thus encouraged, we returned to our pints. Perhaps we were daydreaming — but, who knows, maybe one day...

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would suit a  
double-barrelled rifle.*

## Prize Day Out

NIGEL CURTIS from Cheshire won't forget his success in my *Mixed Bag* competition (May issue) in a hurry!

Not only did he win a Webley Vulcan and a day's hunting with Jim Tyler, but he also spent two days at Jim's Worcestershire home and visited Webley & Scott's new Birmingham factory!

Jim and Nigel were the first 'outsiders' to go inside Webley's brand new premises — and Jim was particularly interested to see the large consignments of Webley guns ready to be shipped over to America. 'Apparently, Webley's sales are booming in the States', Jim reported.

Jim later took Nigel to his home shoot — and the two of them managed to walk to within eight yards of a feeding rabbit.

'I had judged the wind direction and planned a route that kept us out of sight of the rabbit until the last moment', explained Jim. 'It proved conclusively that camouflage gear and advanced stalking techniques are no substitute for a thorough knowledge of your hunting ground'.

Nigel and Jim arrived at Hippenscombe Farm in Wiltshire, where Jim manages the airgun shoot, early next morning. Nigel had sensibly decided to leave his new Vulcan behind and use his familiar Weihrauch HW35 with Optima scope instead. There's nothing like using a gun you know.

They checked their guns for correct sighting on the indoor range before going on a 'walkabout' so that Nigel could choose where to hunt in the afternoon.

He selected a large wood and, before they reached it, Jim noticed a grey squirrel scamper into a pile of logs. Jim walked ahead to put up the squirrel, and it dashed out and ran a little way up the trunk of a nearby tree — presenting Nigel, who had never shot a squirrel before, with a straightforward shot.

'It was the largest squirrel I've ever seen', said Jim, 'and Nigel was well pleased with his success'.

Later Nigel shot a rook in the Hippenscombe rookery before finishing the day with his first-ever attempt at shooting silhouette targets. He was so successful that regular field target shooters had better watch out for him!

Jim and Nigel will be returning to the farm for another hunting trip in the autumn — so congratulations to Nigel, best wishes to Clare, his bride of just a few weeks, and my thanks to Jim.



*Competition winner Nigel Curtis with Jim Tyler's lurcher.*

## Airgun Phone-In

WE'RE always keen to hear from our many readers here at *Airgun World* — and you're always keen to write to us, judging by the dozens of letters we receive each day.

Well, you can now give us your comments for our popular *Air Your Views* page without even picking up a pen — thanks to our new telephone answering machine.

If you telephone us on Windsor 64675 after 6 p.m. any evening, you can record your letter for publication in *Airgun World*. Remember to speak slowly and clearly into the telephone — and begin your message by giving your name, full address and telephone number.

Anyone who wants to pass on a hint for our *Top Tips* page can use this number, too — but it is not available for your questions. Please send these by post to John Stevens at *Airgun World* as usual.

Remember the number — Windsor 64675 after 6 p.m.

## Farewell, Fletch

FINALLY, for this month, I'm sorry to announce that John Fletcher has left *Airgun World* after six years as Deputy Editor.

John has already started his new job as Editor of *What House?* magazine — and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him all the best. If you're thinking of moving house, you know where to start looking!



# Top Tips

*The page where  
you can pass on  
your airgun hints*

SEND YOUR TIPS TO: Top Tips, Airgun World, 10 Sheet Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1 BG.

This isn't just the tip of the month, more the tip of a lifetime! It came to me entirely by accident, as good tips often do.

I was pigeon shooting on a very bright winter's day, well hidden downwind of the tall larch trees that the birds were using.

The sun was behind the birds and the view through the 4 X 40 scope practically blinded me. I was getting sunlight magnified four times straight in the eye!

All of a sudden the view through the scope darkened and I was able to see absolutely perfectly for about 10 seconds. What had happened was that I had inadvertently breathed on the eye-piece lens. My breath had condensed, giving a perfect 'smoked glass' effect just long enough for me to aim and fire.

It works every time — unless the weather is so hot that your breath won't condense for long enough before drying out.

Another useful scope tip comes in handy when the light is going and you're no longer sure whether you're

## THIS MONTH'S GUEST TIPSTER DAVID LANE



viewing a rabbit, a frog or your mother-in-law!

Stop concentrating on the image in the centre of your vision and look instead at something just to one side of your target. The object you were originally looking at will then take on more detail than when you were staring straight at it.

In very poor light conditions, therefore, the answer is to look slightly to one side of the object rather than directly at it.

## From George Lipinski of London

An easy and accurate way of comparing the penetration properties of various pellets is to shoot into old books. Most people have some paperbacks they no longer want, or you can buy them at jumble sales for a few pence.

It's best if you remove the cover and hold the pages tight together with Sellotape or bulldog clips.

Once you've fired your pellet, just look at the page number it has reached and compare the results of the different pellets you've tested.

Using my old .177 calibre BSA Super Meteor, fitted with a new spring, I fired into a copy of *Yellow Pages*. Webley's Flying Scot pellets reached page 203, RWS Superpoint page 372 and the Prometheus page 465.

Remember that more powerful rifles require thicker books, though, and you should always have a solid backstop.

## From Desmond Davis of London

If you're thinking of buying a high-powered spring air rifle, don't make the mistake that many people do and fail to consider the length of life of the spring. It could affect your choice of rifle.

Also, when you're shooting at quarry in the field, ask yourself whether your spring is still close to its maximum power. If it is not, restrict yourself to shorter range shots.

## From M. Davidson of Hull

Airgunners who want to make a cheap mask to cover their head and face can just cut the leg off any flared jeans and then stitch them to an ordinary camouflage hat.

Trim them off at the length you require, cut an opening for your face and draw a camouflage design on the jeans to complete your cheap facemask.

## From A. Warrillow of Mexico

An excellent, cheap way of protecting your valuable telescopic sight optics from rain and dust is to cut a 2 to 2½-inch wide strip across an old car tyre inner tube.

Then stretch the wide rubber band over the length of your scope when you're not using it. Not only is this method cheap and practical, but you can make several protective bands from a single inner tube.

## From Ken Oliver of Grimsby

Airgunners who own BSA rifles may find this tip helpful.

If you run into consistency problems, or find that air is leaking past the piston 'O' ring, once you've polished out the cylinder, try shimming out the 'O' ring with a little self-adhesive tape — after a thorough de-greasing, of course.

This will increase the effective diameter of the 'O' ring on the piston and give a much tighter fit and better seal.

## From N. Allen of Bristol

Here is a tip for airgunners who own rifles with very dull woodwork that lacks the aesthetic appeal of a French polish or polyurethane finish.

Simply rub Colron Antique Oil well into the grain every 24 hours, buffing between coats with a clean, lint-free cloth. After the third application, vigorously burnish the wood with a lint-free cloth to remove any tackiness that may be apparent.

Then apply further coats every three hours, using a cloth soaked in raw linseed oil as a buffer.

The finished stock will have a deep shine, bringing out any figure in the grain as well as nourishing the stock.

## From Peter Lawley of Australia

Whenever I buy a new rifle, I always remove the stock from the receiver — and take off the recoil pad, too.

Then I coat all the raw parts of the stock — the screw holes, barrel seat, etc. — with purified linseed oil, which you can apply with a brush.

I usually apply two coats over a period of 24 hours, and this gives the stock a good waterproof coating.

This treatment helps to prevent rusting where metal has been in contact with the stock and, most importantly, round the compression chamber.

Moisture collects in these areas when you're shooting in the rain and it can present a rust problem.

## From Clive Aldred of Stockport

I have to work until the early evening on most days, but I still like to shoot for a few hours a day if possible. Unfortunately, I've often arrived at my shoot to find that it's too dark to practise.

I've overcome this difficulty by checking the newspaper to find out the official lighting-up time for cars. By knocking half an hour off this time, you'll get a good idea of when it will be too dark to shoot — and so save yourself a wasted journey.

Remember that it's always darker in woodland than in open country, too.



by  
**John  
Atkins**

Photos by  
**Vic Nelson**

DRIVING ALONG the by-pass around my home town recently I found myself thinking back to the 1950's, when it was a tree-lined cart track, and a favourite shooting ground for boys with airguns. It was 'common ground' in our eyes at the time, as we quite wrongly thought we had acquired shooting rights to the entire area along with our 10/- (50p) gun licences from the local Post Office!

The licence gave us a feeling of importance, and you had to have one if you took your gun anywhere other than your own house or garden. There weren't so many people around in those days, either, and we were left alone to enjoy ourselves. We may have been trespassing technically, but we caused no actual damage or nuisance.

Nowadays it would be very unwise to venture anywhere without permission, because the trespass laws for airgunners are quite clear — and the penalties are severe.

The most common boys' airgun in our area at the time was the Diana — or Original — Model 16. There was also a fair smattering of Model 1's and Model 15's, as well as one little Milbro Scout tinplate that was a close copy of the much earlier King No. 10.

The 'elite' had Webley Junior rifles or even such serious weapons as the BSA Cadet or Original Model 25. I only had a Gat pistol at the time, but my friend Harry Fenton had a Cadet Major which we both used when we could grab it from its hiding place behind his father's workbench in the garden shed.

We had no gun-bag so it was difficult to get the Cadet Major to our shooting ground without fear of detection. But we simply removed the metalwork from the stock to get the weapon into more manageable lengths and hid the two sections by pushing them down our trousers!

We must have looked pretty suspicious, I suppose, limping along stiff-legged while our friends brought up the rear with the screwdriver necessary for re-assembly, and tins full of pellets and the stock-bolts.

We were in no risk of having the gun confiscated, in fact, and I think this ruse was simply to keep the gun from the eyes of nosy neighbours. Nowadays, of course, your air rifle must be kept in a securely fastened case whenever you have it in a public place.

I bought that Cadet Major from Harry in 1960 for 30/- (£1.50), incidentally, and I have it to this day. Harry replaced the Cadet Major with a Meteor Mark 1, which had been out for about a year at the time. It didn't have the quality of the Cadet Major, which put me off it, but it has gone on to be a tremendously successful rifle.



*Daisy Single Shot No. 12*

THIS rifle fires darts as well as B.B. Shot. It's quite a heavy rifle to handle and is tested for correct sighting before it leaves the factory. Barrel is removable and finished in gun blue. This, again, is only one of the wide range of DAISY Air Rifles. If this is not quite what you want we may have another that will suit you.

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All this leads me to my subject this month — those weapons which collectors generally call 'boys' airguns'. Because of their light construction very few airguns in this category have survived — in really good condition, at any rate.

Most belonged to young lads and were handled pretty carelessly, so really perfect examples are highly sought after by collectors of tinplate airguns.

The early American BB gun makers I mentioned last month were far ahead of firearms makers in their use of folded sheet metal, and it wasn't until nearly half a century after the first BB airguns were made that pressings became commonplace on military weapons, too.

When I first started collecting I regarded tinplate guns as weak little weapons, and was interested only in powerful airguns of firearms quality. Now, like so many collectors, I enjoy the challenge of trying to find old BB guns and other types of tinplate and boys' guns. Many are ingenious in their design and I now regret the many chances to pick up interesting examples which I spurned in the past.

The most common lever action BB guns in this country are the Daisy and the King,



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*Above: A 1928  
Meccano Magazine  
advertisement for the  
500-shot Daisy  
repeater.*

*Left: An  
advertisement in a  
1930 issue of  
Meccano Magazine  
for the Daisy  
single-shot no. 12.*

both of which I described last month. Very similar looking guns made by the Upton Machine Company of St. Joseph, Michigan, were also sold here in fairly large numbers from around 1912 to 1929.

Upton, an early washing machine maker, had taken over the American Tool Works, who made the Sterling BB guns, and had a good order from the Sears Roebuck mail order catalogue. By 1920 he was making a full range of BB guns, including single shot break barrel and lever action rifles, and 500 and 1,000 shot lever action repeaters.

One of Upton's most notable guns was the American Dart Rifle, which had a lever action but was designed to fire darts which you loaded at the breech through a magazine cover beneath the barrel.

In 1927 all the tooling used by Upton went to a company called All Metal Products who, in turn, sold out a couple of years later to the King Manufacturing Company for the princely sum of one dollar! A business agreement accompanied this deal, leaving All Metal Products with a share of the toy pop-gun market, but clearing them out of the airgun scene.

This suited King and Daisy, who later dumped all the tools, dies and jigs from the American Tool Works and All Metal Products into the Detroit River!

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I examined an Upton Model 20 single shot rifle recently. It closely resembles the Markham King, but wasn't so well made. It cocks on the return or closure stroke of the lever rather than the opening, so I'm not sure how a small lad would have coped.

From the introduction of the first lever action BB guns in 1890, boys had difficulty cocking them, although they liked the way they resembled firearms of the time such as the Marlin and Winchester, which you could cock from the shoulder. Boys found this difficult, so they devised their own methods.

The two usual ways were those demonstrated in my photographs. The first is to check that the shot tube is empty and then place the muzzle on the toe of your shoe and push the lever downwards, using the weight of your body. The second method is to put the stock between your thighs and grip the barrel with one hand and the lever with the other. Then squat on the stock and pull up on the lever. The BB gun in the photos is a King No. 21 single shot, incidentally.

Turning from American BB guns to British and German .177 boys' airguns, another of my photographs shows a group of four barrel cocking examples from Derek Swaine's fine collection. It is very helpful that so many of these have the date of manufacture stamped in small letters on the heel of the stock.

The gun at top in the photo is a Haenel Model XXX with a blued finish. This gun was made in Germany, this particular rifle in 1937. It's 34½ ins. long, and an interesting feature is the hatching on the underside of the cocking link, which forms a better grip for the fore-end.

The second gun from the top is a later German Diana Model 20, with a nickelled finish and blued sights. Earlier examples of this rifle have a fixed rearsight set far back on the compression tube to give a long sight base — as you can see in the advertisements I've reproduced here.

The specimen in the photograph dates



10-year-old Reuben Burnett demonstrates two methods of cocking a lever action BB gun — in this case the King no. 21.



from 1939, and it is the same length as the Haenel. It is interesting to note that the February 1939 model has 'Made in Germany' markings whereas an April 1939 model is simply marked 'Foreign'.

The third gun down is a British Diana Model 15, dated September 1949. It's 32½ ins. long and a stamp on the stock gives the retailer's name as A. Sanders, Gunmakers, Maidstone.

The fourth rifle is a British Diana Model 22, with a nickelled finish, made in 1955. Note how similar its metalwork is to that of the Webley Junior of the same period.

When collectors talk about the Webley Junior these days, they usually refer to the boys' air pistol made by the company from 1930 until 1977. A few years ago I answered an advertisement from someone wanting to sell a Webley Junior for £8, and I was

momentarily surprised when I was offered a rifle rather than a pistol!

I have read that the Junior air rifle was introduced as early as 1947, and it had been re-named the Jaguar by 1964. All parts were common to the two rifles, however. It weighed 3¼ lbs. and was 37 ins. long, with a 14 in. .177 calibre rifled brass barrel tube. It was also available with a smooth bore.

The stock length was 13¼ ins., making it too long for a small boy, and the trigger pull was very light. It was well made, mostly from pressings, and had a wheel adjustable rearsight.

I must dedicate the photo of the Junior to Alan Hamer of Manchester Airguns — and hope that memories of his first gun will have him wallowing in nostalgia!

My Webley Junior is number 532, and the original blue finish is still first class. If this is the serial number it means mine is an early example, but it could just be an assembly batch number. Alongside the rifle in the photograph is Webley part number T2098, which is a tool for replacing the mainspring.

To use this you detach the stock and remove the trigger assembly and body tube end cover. You then insert the special tool, turn it slightly to the left and then remove the mainspring and guide. You fit the guide into the new spring, and re-fit the locking piece with the tool, making sure that the lug engages into a slot in the body tube. Then you re-assemble the rifle.

It is easy to do this if you have the right tool and a vice in which to hold the rifle. Without the tool you can insert the spring by placing the rifle against a stop and using a round piece of wood such as a file handle. Having punched the locking piece home so that the tang lines up with the slot in the body, push the tang into the slot with a screwdriver or some other suitable tool.

These Webley Junior rifles were accurate to about 50 feet, and the muzzle velocity was advertised as approximately 405 f.p.s.

Two very similar airguns to the pre-War versions of the Model 1 or Junior German



Four boys' guns from Derek Swaine's collection.  
From the top: The Haenel Model XXX and  
Diana Models 20, 15 and 22.

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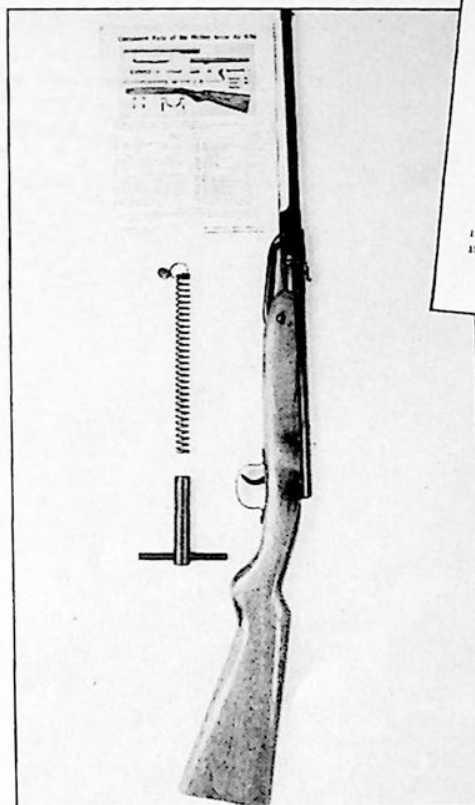


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A Diana Model 20 advertisement from 1928.

Left: A 1932 advert for the Haenel Model XX.



The Webley Junior, no. 532, with its main-spring inserting tool.

area, where youngsters were using steel balls from a scrap pile behind the American Ball Company factory.

These balls were intended for industrial use, but worked better than lead if they fitted correctly. The company eventually decided to sell their steel balls in the air rifle shot size, under the Bulls Eye brand name.

Daisy became the exclusive sales agents for this ammunition and then took over the American Ball Company in 1939, moving all the machinery to Plymouth, Michigan. In 1947 they decided to copper-plate the shot



The Webley Junior's long stock meant it was suitable for boys like 15-year-old Jacob Burnett.

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124 "King" Repeater, 1000 Shot 6/- 7 4

17 "King" Breech Loading, Single Shot, very strong and reliable, Blue Finish, shoots No. 1 Slugs and Darts, also round shot 7 0

126 No. 1 Breech Loading "Diana," Model 90, Nickel plated, Walnut Stock, shoots No. 1 Slugs and Darts (Maintained Retail Price 12 6) 9 3

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Airguns shown in Frank Dyke & Co.'s 1926/27 trade price list.

to stop it rusting.

The tubes of Golden Bullseye in my photo are quite recent. Daisy have about 85 per cent of the BB shot market, with the rest split among a variety of manufacturers — Winchester, Remington, Peters, Federal, Peerless and Benfred.

The aluminium tube of Kynoch lead shot dates from around 1936 and was made by the Kynoch factory of ICI's Metals Division Witton, Birmingham.

English slugs with the royalist names of King, Queen and Prince were made by Lanes Ltd. for use with smoothbore airguns. The packet of Eagle slugs was made by the delightfully named Slugs Ltd. of Bromley, who made them from around 1935 until the early 1950's, when they were bought out by Lanes. The Eagle slugs are a little longer than the other brands, the extra lead justifying the 'Heavyweight' description on the box.

Sources: *It's A Daisy!*, by Cass S. Hough in 1976. *The American BB Gun*, by Arni T. Dunathan in 1971. *Air Gun Pellets*, by Dr. J. Gilbert in *Guns Review*, March 1980.

Acknowledgements: Special thanks to Derek Swaine, and also to Jacob and Reuben Burnett.



Above: Typical ammo for boys' airguns.



# The B.A.S.C. Column



*Prize-winners at the BASC event at Broughton Hall and (below) the competition in progress.*



OUR field target series, sponsored by *Airgun World*, has aroused great interest in the past few weeks, and there were over 400 entries for our shoots at Broughton Hall in Yorkshire and the Southdown Country Fair.

The competition at Broughton Hall was supported by Eley — and featured some star shooting from Dave Pope. He won the main event with a score of 25 — just one point clear of Watson and West, who finished second and third respectively.

Steve Pope won the bird shoot, and Peter Little showed his class in the popular long-range event. Mrs Eady was the top lady, and D. Jackson took the prize for the outstanding junior.

Meanwhile, top shot Dave Welham beat off challenges from two of his great rivals to win the outdoor shoot at the Southdown Country Fair, near Lewes in Sussex.

This event was supported by Sterling Arms, and Dave went home with a Sterling HR83 De Luxe air rifle, Universal scope mount and a Sterling Bisley De Luxe 4 X 40 scope. Second was Terry Wheeler and third Dave Pope.

R. North won the bird shoot — for a prize of a HR81 rifle — and Peter Little won his second consecutive long-range event. F. Rance was the top lady and S. Hancock the best junior.

Our next field target shoot is on September 18 at the BASC Safari at Harewood House, Harewood, near Leeds.

This event will be supported by Webley & Scott and will include plenty of other attractions, too — including clay pigeon

shooting, a catapult range, range judging and many trade stands.

## Shooting in Nottingham

Airgunners in the Nottingham area searching for somewhere to shoot need look no further! The BASC has heard from the Association of Nottingham Shooting Clubs who are prepared to offer enthusiasts target and field shooting facilities.

This offer applies to everyone — experts and novices alike — and parents should note that a child accompanied by an adult costs the adult's fee only. The first two visits are free and the association provides good value for money for further visits.

You can use any calibre gun and ammunition is provided free. Club guns and training facilities are available, too.

The indoor range is 100 metres long and is in central Nottingham. Contact Gerry Turner at the BASC or Mike Pates on 0602 877212 for further details.

## Merseyside Club

A new airgun club is being set up in the Merseyside area and the organisers need experienced airgunners to assist with training courses.

A sound knowledge of field shooting is all that is required because training in teaching methods will be given to anyone without experience.

If you'd like to help, contact Gerry Turner at BASC headquarters on 0244 570881 for details.

# CLUBS

## Youngsters On Top

Teenager Lee Fowler sprang a surprise by beating the big names and winning the NARPA OSS Championship heat at Hippenscombe Farm, Wiltshire, in July.

Lee, who is only 17, scored 19 ex 24 to take first prize of a gold Tasco Vari-Power scope over a six-lane course that included four partly concealed rabbits, pigeon and crow knock-down targets.

Lee went on to demonstrate that his victory was no flash-in-the-pan by winning the turning target competition with 6 ex 10.

It was a great day for the youngsters, in fact, with Nigel Stanton finishing runner-up in the main event — with the same score as Lee but a slower time. He also won a Tasco scope.

Paul Lunn headed a group of five shooters on 18 ex 24, and his fast time gave him third place ahead of Clive Welham and Barry Griffiths.

Dave Horswell, the founder of the new Bristol club, won the long-range competition after a tense shoot-off against Terry Wheeler and Ian Law.

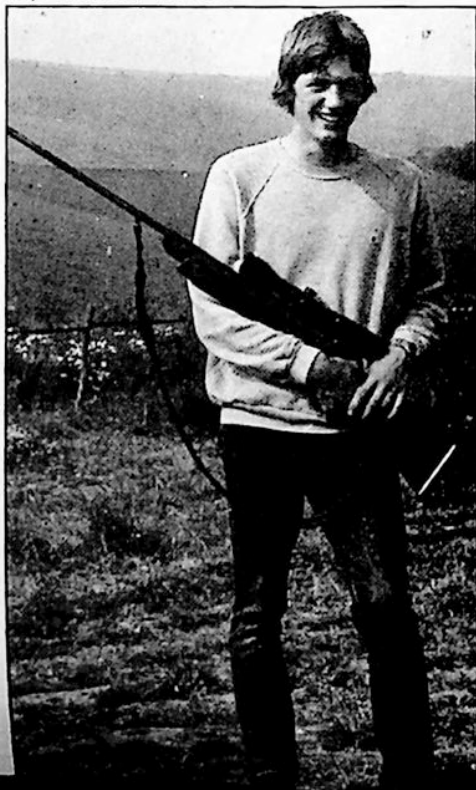
Terry soon recovered from that disappointment with a 'full house' victory in the rapid-fire event, however.

If you're interested in a shooting weekend or holiday at Hippenscombe Farm, which is situated on the rolling Wiltshire Downs, contact Jim Tyler at *Airgun World*.



*The turning target competition.*

*Top shot Lee Fowler.*



# SPECIAL

## Indoor and outdoor shooting news



Most shooters chose the sitting position.



Long-range winner Dave Horswell.



The sighting-in range.



The Hippenscombe Farm prize-winners.

### Bristol Club

There are still vacancies for new members at the new Bristol airgun club. It has some fine shooting land and you can obtain more details by ringing Bristol 616880.

### British Championships

The 10th British Air Rifle and Air Pistol Championships are to be held at the National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, South Wales, from October 14 to 16. Entries close on September 26.

There will be pistol and rifle events at both 6 yards and 10 metres, and England will be defending their home countries rifle and pistol titles.

### Shooting in Marlow

Marlow Rifle & Pistol Club has a new airgun section, which meets every Monday between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Court Gardens Leisure Centre, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

You can use .177 and .22 sporting or target guns, and further details can be obtained from club secretary P. Pearce at 3 Spinners Walk, Marlow.

### Medway Open Shoot

Medway Air Rifle & Pistol Club are to hold an open shoot on October 22 and 23. NSRA rules will apply and the closing date for entries is October 1.

There will be 6-yard and 10-metre rifle and pistol competitions, plus special facilities for disabled shooters.

More details can be obtained from Mrs H. B. Greenwood, the club secretary, at 9 Rowan House, Gorse Avenue, Chatham, Kent.

### Open Championship

The first British Open Field Target Championship is to be held at Hippenscombe Farm, Wiltshire, on October 29 and 30.

The event is being organised by *Airgun World* writer Jim Tyler, who says: 'Airgunners have complained that the NARPA field shooting series was restricted to members, so I have organised this competition for non-NARPA members, too'.

The Championship will consist of two shoots — one in a wood and the other in a field. Two other competitions, a rough shoot and a hidden target shoot, will also be held over the weekend.

More details in *Airgun World* next month.

### Great Target Series

*Airgun World* is supporting a series of NARPA-organised indoor target shoots that will be held throughout the country this winter.

There will be 6-yard and 10-metre competitions at each event, with separate classes for adults, seniors, ladies and juniors. The entry fee is £1.50 per discipline.

The first event in this great new target series will be at Glenrothes in Scotland on October 2 — and the second at the Copley Sports Centre, Ashton-under-Lyne, Manchester, on October 23.

Entry forms and full details can be obtained from Terry Vickery at NARPA, 44 High Street, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, (tel: Bridgnorth 4855).

### Outdoor Shoots

**August 21:** NARPA OSS Championship heat Leatherhead, Surrey. **September 4:** Basingstoke Outdoor Shoot, Basingstoke AR & PC. **September 18:** BASC Safari, Harewood House, Yorkshire. **September 24 & 25:** NARPA OSS Final and Midlands heat, West Midlands Shooting Ground, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. **October 29 & 30:** British Open Field Target Championship, Hippenscombe Farm, Wiltshire.





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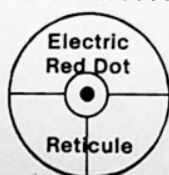
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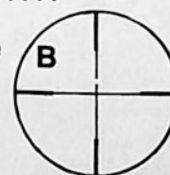
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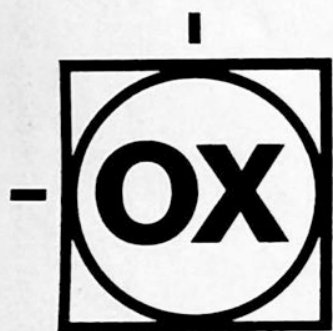
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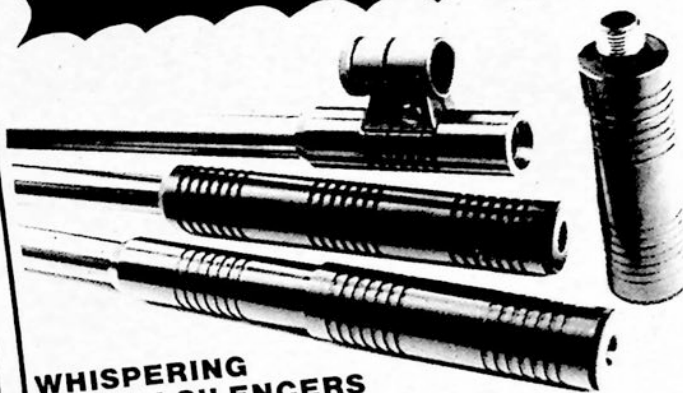
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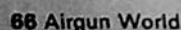
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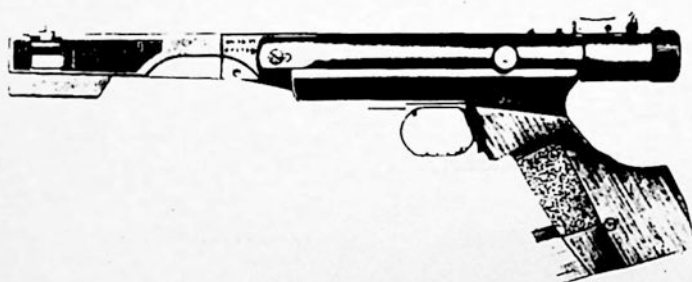
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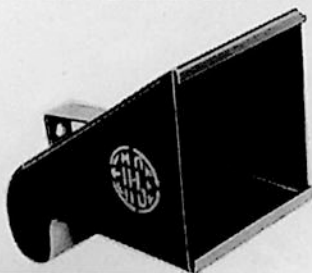


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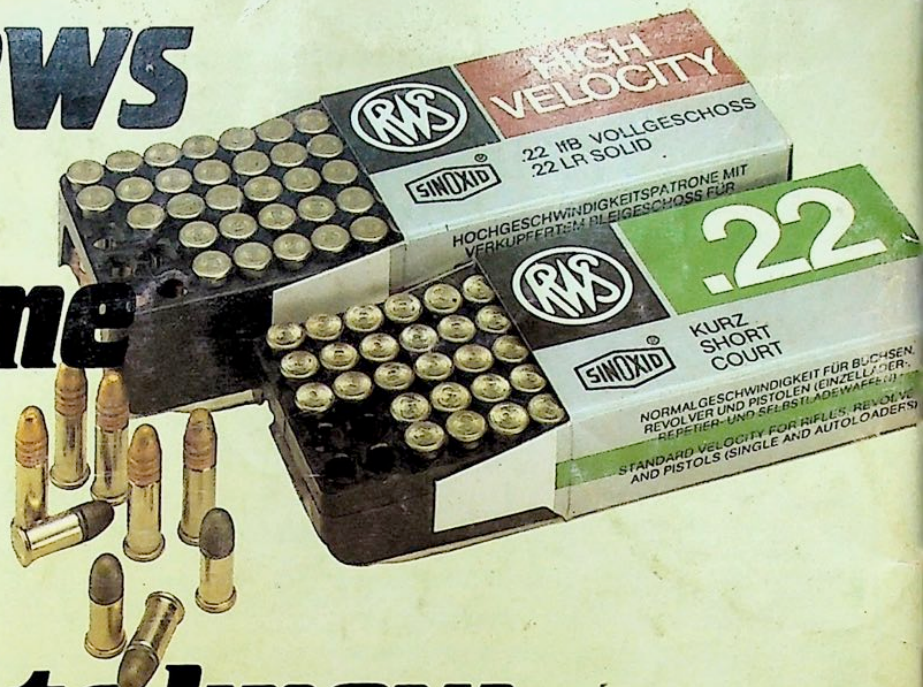
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